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**Apartment blocks to be built despite
residents' objections - see page 19.**

'Waterfront area is a mess' claim residents



LEFT: Waterfront residents have complained about mud and gravel on local roads.

THE state of the Waterfront environment is under the spotlight after GEM readers contacted us about excessive mud on roads and rubbish in the docks.

This week Barry Waterfront Consortium apologised for any inconvenience construction works have caused the public.

Kelvin Knight, a local resident, said he was concerned about road safety on Ffordd Y Mileniwm - he claims excessive amounts of mud are making it hazardous for road-users.

He said: "The consortium is transferring large amounts of mud from the new school on the Waterfront and contaminating the road surface of Ffordd Y Mileniwm.

"I understand from attending police officers that there were two road traffic accidents on Thursday, February 21, in which someone on a Vespa scooter and a cyclist lost control.

"I slid at low speed when turning right into Portland Drive the day before.

"The muck and gravel are also being carried into roads on the adjoining estates' roads. It's still there this week."

Mr Knight said he'd asked the Vale Council whether enough was being done by the consortium and council highways to ensure road safety and

whether the entrance to the site should have a 'water trap' to deal with contaminants.

Another GEM reader Mr Ashley Wallace said he was shocked by the state of the nearby docks.

He asked: "Who is responsible for the cleaning of the water area at Barry docks? The rubbish includes pallets, builders' bags, sheets of insulation boards and other items.

"The Waterfront area is an asset to the town, but being treated like a dumping ground. The builders don't give a damn."

A spokesman for Barry Waterfront Consortium said measures had been taken to limit mud on the highway and that staff had been told to retrieve any items which have blown off the site.

He said: "Two full time mechanical road sweepers are employed at the site and a third sweeper has been employed while material movements are taking place.

"Conditions are being regularly monitored and in response to previous comments received from residents regarding the cleanliness of the roads, a temporary 'haul road' has been installed at the school site entrance to minimise any mud being pulled out into the highway."

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Chairing of the Bard



Three cheers for the chair! A be-robed Caitlyn Maurice with fellow pupils after the series of competitions.

CAITLYN Maurice recieved many congratulations for her success at Ysgol Gwaun y Nant's Eisteddfod.

She was among many pupils competing in a variety of competitions ranging from hand-writing and computer artwork to singing and playing instruments.

The highlight of the day was the chairing ceremony, where the victorious Bard is announced and escorted to the stage to be seated in our Eisteddfod chair.

Caitlyn said: "I was really surprised when my name was called from the stage. In all it took me two days to write the poem.

"Winning the chair in the Eisteddfod is really special!"

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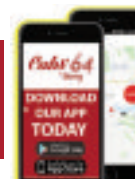
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'We do not want or need her sort in Barry'

AS I finished reading Anne Usher's letter (Glamorgan GEM February 21), almost immediately (I had to calm down first) I started writing this response and wondered how many of my fellow Barry residents who call this lovely place home, would be doing the same, as I know I'm in good company when I say I love living and working here.

I welcome different views and opinions, it's what makes us all unique and it would be very boring if we were all the same; but it's Anne's absolute disgust that she talks about Barry.

Yes we've had a few shops close in the town centre but the Vale Council is working with local traders and shop owners to figure out a way to entice new businesses into the town.

Although this is a national issue with high streets up and down the country having to adapt to the way people are shopping nowadays, with some shoppers going online for all their goods.

As I see it, the Vale Council work hard to

keep Barry clean and tidy; they are involved in organising many events throughout the year all over the town and are very approachable with questions and queries.

On the subject of shops, if Anne cared to check I can think of at least two butchers, two greengrocers and many other local and independent traders across Barry that would be happy to show her the range of produce, gifts, household items and clothes that she thinks that Barry 'cannot provide'.

I wonder if Anne has written to her local councillors and MPs about what she calls this 'depressing place' and the changes that she would like to see - 'to make a change, you have to be the change'.

If after reading this letter and the many others that I'm sure will be sent in [GEM note: This was the only one], Anne still has the same negative attitude towards our wonderful Barrybados, then we don't want or need her here and I don't know any other town or village that would either; so maybe she can take herself off on the Virgin Galactic flights and answer the age old question: is there life on Mars?

Amy Jackson, Barry.

Strawberries from the Vale!

IAM writing further to the article in Glamorgan GEM (February 21) regarding 'first UK strawberries this year', claims Aldi.

I would like to point out that our local greengrocer Strawberry Fields in Cowbridge has been selling local strawberries from Llandow for the past few years, and I have been buying strawberries from there all through the winter!

So I think Aldi's statement is somewhat

misleading. The greengrocers have been selling them all year round. However, the supply during winter is obviously smaller. Just goes to show we can get some local produce all year round, and you can't get much closer than Llandow. It also goes to show that smaller local businesses can compete with the larger supermarkets!

(Name and address supplied.)

Readers' Letters

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'We profit from war, and so have a responsibility for refugees'

IWAS so disappointed to read Ross England's letter in The GEM recently regarding Jane Hutt and her 'attempt to turn Wales into a Nation of Sanctuary,' and how this should be of great concern to local people.

I am a resident of Llantwit Major and the only 'great concern' I have is that the UK Government are not doing enough to help refugees and support the asylum seekers.

It would be an honourable and right thing to become known for kindness and humanity, would it not?

I do not agree with the current Government approach to this global issue, and nor, it seems, does the Court of Appeal as it ruled in October 2018 that the UK Government broke the law under the Dubs scheme by its treatment of child refugees.

I can barely think of anyone more worthy of help than a child refugee, and yet the Government has sidestepped their obligations and dragged their heels coming to their aid in the most appalling manner.

Mr England, please do look into it yourself - it is well documented.

The UK is in the top three

countries for the sale of arms; we profit greatly from war and it is naïve in the extreme to think that we have no duty or responsibility in the refugee crisis on this point alone.

But even for the humanity of it, to think of the suffering, fear and trauma they have already been through - and yet not to help them?

I feel it to be the very least we can offer to people displaced and torn from their lives is the chance to live peacefully. The horror of war is difficult to imagine, but you have to appreciate how terrifying it must be to face the perilous journey to seek out safety.

You seem to be worried about refugees that arrive here - have you any experience of working with refugees or asylum seekers?

You seem concerned they are not 'genuine refugees but instead, economic migrants' and how we should favour one over the other. How bad would your daily life have to be before you decided to move location in an effort to improve it?

Do you mean that you would be content to work akin to slavery, unable to feed your children, unable to school your children or pay for a doctor when you fell ill?

Or would you relocate for a better job or improved wage?

Hasn't Alun Cairns very

happily celebrated abolishing the tolls on the Severn Bridge saying that "Wales will be more open for business than ever," and that it will "transform the joint economic prospects of south Wales and the west of England"?

A great many of us are economic migrants, are we not?

Finally, from The Refugee Council

85 per cent of the world's refugees are sheltered by developed countries, not rich western countries;

Britain is not Europe's top recipient of asylum applications (Britain received around 6 per cent of all asylum claims made in the EU during last year);

Britain offers no asylum visa (in fact there are very few legal ways for refugees to safely escape their country and claim asylum in another country);

Most asylum seekers are living in poverty and experience poor health and hunger;

Almost all asylum seekers are not allowed to work and are forced to rely on state support, sometimes on as little as £5 per day;

Asylum seekers do not receive more benefits than pensioners in the UK.

Melanie Constantinou, Llantwit Major.

'Why did Labour not support Autism Bill?'

HEALTH and Social Care is one of Wales' devolved powers.

Under that power, the Welsh Assembly is in control of care, treatment and diagnosis of people who have autism. Very recently, the leader of the Conservative group in the National Assembly for Wales put a bill to the Assembly.

The bill would have improved diagnosis of autism, helped local authorities and health boards understand and take action so that people with autism would've got necessary support; created a register of autistic children and adults so that local areas can plan and regularly review Wales' autism strategy.

The bill was defeated 28 votes to 24. The 24 votes came from

Conservative AMs, UKIP AMs and Plaid Cymru AMs. All 28 votes were Labour.

When questioned by me, Vale AM Jane Hutt claimed that the bill did not meet the needs of the autism community in Wales.

If that was the case, why was it endorsed by Wales' autism community? If other political parties can support it, why can't Labour?

It was, I believe, a simple game of party politics which has had an impact on thousands of autistic people in Wales.

Name and address supplied. The GEM approached Jane Hutt and the local branch of the National Autistic Society (NAS) for comment.

Mrs Hutt was unable to respond by the given deadline, but Carolyn Webster, Treasurer, NAS Bridgend said: "This is the

second time that an Autism Bill has been proposed by the Welsh Conservative Party. Each time, Welsh Labour has been whipped to vote against this important Act. "In Wales, we have had an Autism Strategy since 2008.

"That the autism community in Wales is so desperate to have an act 11 years after this strategy was implemented is evidence in itself that the strategy is not working.

"The National Autistic Society has campaigned long and hard for the voice of Wales' 34,000 strong autism community to be heard. Welsh Labour continues to choose not to hear those calls and play party politics with people's lives."

'A 4.9 per cent council tax increase is far from low'

THE press statement from Cllr John Thomas, 'Vale Council Leader sets out agenda', The GEM, February 21 needs a response, particularly about the council tax increase.

He claims the council has 'saved' £55m in the last 10 years, but were those real council savings or additional charges on taxpayers for a reduced service?

It is difficult to identify where these 'savings' were made given the proposed revenue budget has increased by £7m and the proposed capital programme reduced by less than £2m over the past six years.

I do understand the unfair financial and legal burden placed on councils by the Westminster and Cardiff Bay governments, but it seems the council can only reduce the economic pressure by charging the community more and by cutting services.

Perhaps the Vale Council could take some of the pain by looking in the mirror and making

savings itself; eg reducing the number of councillors and special allowances; cutting councillors' hospitality and other pleasantries; refusing to accept increases to councillors' pay-packets; managing without a Vale Mayor (the Vale already has four longstanding traditional mayors); significantly reducing the amount of confidential discretionary payments to officials; publishing the amount paid out on legal costs and consultants, and merging with another council.

Since 2013 Vale Council tax has risen by over 32 per cent, while my state pension has increased by just over 17 per cent.

Cllr Thomas describes next year's hike in council tax as "relatively low when compared with other councils" but that's of little comfort to people of the Vale since 4.9 per cent is far from low, especially when families and pensioners are receiving a lot less.

Dennis Harkus, FocusBARRY member.

See more GEM readers' letters on page 22.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL MARCH 7)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
28 Thur	00.57	7.7	13.32	7.5
01 Fri	02.20	7.4	14.59	7.6
02 Sat	03.43	7.7	16.16	8.0
03 Sun	04.42	8.2	17.07	8.3
04 Mon	05.26	8.7	17.47	9.0
05 Tues	06.03	9.1	18.22	9.3
06 Wed	06.39	9.4	18.55	9.5
07 Thurs	07.12	9.6	19.25	9.6

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Residents claim Barry Waterfront area is a mess

RIGHT:
Rubbish in the dock includes items such as pallets and builders' bags.

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The spokesman continued: "Strict measures are in place for the storage, delivery and removal of waste materials at the site. However, there may be occasions where small items are picked up by the wind and blown around."

"Housekeeping is regularly monitored and the site teams are instructed to remove any items that have left the site and can be safely accessed."

"General cleanliness is continuing to be monitored across the Waterfront and the consortium apologise for any inconvenience caused to the public during construction works."

Mike Clogg, Vale Council operational manager for neighbourhood services and transport, said the council was dealing with the issues raised by Mr Knight: "The section of the Waterfront link road in question has not yet been adopted by the council so is the

responsibility of the Waterfront Consortium.

"However, we are working with the consortium to address these issues and have used relevant highway legislation and planning conditions to help achieve this."

"Such action has involved ensuring mud and debris is not deposited on the highway and that road sweeping is undertaken to remove anything that remains."

An ABP spokesperson said the company undertakes periodical removal of rubbish that finds its way into the dock.

She added: "However, litter is sometimes blown into the docks from nearby roads and footpaths, despite anti-littering signage and bins available in the public waterfront area."

"Our maintenance team undertake checks of the area but clearance cannot always be done immediately due to the machinery and time required to clear litter from the dock area."



Author Belinda to open the Barry Arts Festival

BOOKER-NOMINATED crime fiction writer Belinda Bauer will open this year's Barry Arts Festival with a night of readings at St Mary's Church on Wednesday, March 13.

Growing up in England and South Africa, Belinda's first novel, *Blacklands*, was published in 2010 and awarded the British Crime Writers' Association's Gold Dagger award for the best crime novel of the year.

Since then she has been a prolific and successful author and her eighth novel, *Snap*, was last year nominated for the Man Booker Prize and won the Crime and Thriller category in the Specsavers National Book Awards.

Her ninth novel, *We Were Never Here*, is being released later this year.

Barry Arts Festival organiser Dot Connell welcomed the announcement, saying: "We like to bring a variety of speakers and artists to Barry. In recent years readers have included the Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy and rugby commentator and writer, Phil Steele."

"As always, we are grateful to Barry Town Council and Newydd Housing Association for their sponsorship of the Barry Arts Festival."

The event starts at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry (CF63 4HP). Tickets are available from Dot Connell on 07982 319456 dot.connell@btinternet.com or at ticketsource: ticketsource.co.uk/barryartsfestival.

Barry family wants to return war hero photo to his relatives

A BARRY family have found a photograph of a local seaman who was killed in action against the battleship Bismarck in 1941, and want to hand it on to any surviving relatives.

Waller Graham Andrews served aboard HMS Prince of Wales in the Second World War. A picture of him was found at the Stephenson family home at 24 Princes Street.

Mrs Vivienne Waters explained: "My late nana, Gertrude Stephenson, who was known locally as Doris, lived in the house and my aunt Valerie died there recently."

"My son and I were clearing out the loft and found the photograph. I believe Graham's mother, Mrs Andrews was a great friend of Doris and gave the picture to her."

"At one time it was displayed in the hallway."

"I think Mrs Andrews lived in Lower Romilly Road and had a shop in High Street called 'Andrews Leathers'. Graham was a great friend of my uncle Jack Stephenson."



ABOVE: Waller Graham Andrews.

Mrs Waters added: "We would like to pass this picture on to his family."

The details on the back of the photo read: Waller Graham Andrews - HMS Prince of Wales, killed in action May 24, 1941 against Bismarck. If anyone can help in returning the photograph to Graham's relatives, they can contact The GEM at: editorial@gemmagazine.co.uk.

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Council prosecutes brewery after man suffers 'significant' injuries after fall

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council has successfully prosecuted SA Brain after a customer fell through an unlocked cellar door and was left with serious head injuries.

The victim, who does not wish to be named,

was in the Park pub in Barry last February when the door was left open for cleaning staff and he plunged down a concrete flight of stairs.

He was found bloodied and unconscious after suffering a fractured skull and a bleed on the brain.

Such was the extent of the damage sustained, the man is still receiving treatment for issues

connected to the incident and in a victim impact statement, explained the dramatic effect it has had on his life.

Through Shared Regulatory Services, a partnership between Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Councils that brings together the Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing functions of the three local authorities,

proceedings were brought against SA Brain, who manage the pub. They pleaded guilty to one offence under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 for failing to ensure the health and safety of a non-employee.

At a hearing in Cardiff Magistrates Court, the company was fined £140,000, ordered to pay costs of £11,835.48 and a victim surcharge of £170.

B&M's new opening date

DISCOUNT grocery retailer B&M Express has announced it will be opening on Barry's Holton Road, Barry on Thursday, March 21. It had planned originally to open on March 11.

The store sells branded foods, drinks and household products and is taking over the former New Look store in Holton Road.

Tim Chapman

Future of pub is discussed

VALE councillors of the Master Mariner pub. Assembly Member Jane Hutt and a representative from Vale MP Alun Cairns' office were also present as plans for the venue were discussed.

At the meeting, local residents and councillors discussed the role the building plays within the area and Brains indicated it was happy to hear from any party who wished to submit a viable proposal to enable the pub to continue trading on a longer-term sustainable basis.

The council had considered alternative uses for the site, including affordable housing, on the basis that Brains had been unable to identify a suitable trading partner.

The pub is run by a management company, which along with Brains, gave assurances that it would not close in the foreseeable future, providing an opportunity for any proposals to be submitted and evaluated.

There will be another meeting in around three months to reassess the situation.

Penarth and District Ramblers visit Newton

A GROUP of 13 walkers joined Joy from Penarth and District Ramblers at Beach Road, Newton, to take part in a 'Shortish Strides' morning walk of 6.5-miles and after welcoming new members David and Clare, they set off in over-cast weather southwards towards the coast and through part of Newton Burrows.

Descending onto the sandy beach and passing the Black Rocks, they crossed Traeth yr Afon, walking into a cool headwind in hazy sunshine to reach the Ogmere Estuary before turning inland and making their way through the south eastern end of Merthyr Mawr Warren.

Visiting the overgrown remains of Candleston Castle, they learned it was built as a fortified manor house by the Cantelupe family but was overcome by massive sandstorms in the 14th century which submerged the estate land and the surrounding village.

Continuing towards Candleston Farm and pausing for morning break before heading along the quiet lane overlooking Tythegston, they made their way south descending

through the delightful Cwm y Befos, littered with freshly-dug molehills.

Sandy pathways led them through the bare coppiced woods in the sheltered Cwm y Gaer and out of the wind, the sun was quite warm. Meeting only a few friendly dog walkers, they crossed the site of the disused Wig Fach rifle range, built in the mid-19th century for the local volunteer militia and used by rifle clubs before falling into disuse following World War Two.

Narrow paths between catkin-covered trees led them back

towards Newton, past the allotments and into the churchyard of St John the Baptist Church, where work was being carried out on its tower. Founded in 1180 by the Knights of the Order of St John as a fortress, it was rebuilt in the 15th and early 16th centuries.

Heading across the village green, the walk ended at the site of St John's (or Sandford's) Well, which during the middle ages was reputed to have healing powers. The bottom of the well lies below sea level so it fills at low tide and empties at high tide and on its west side wall,

there is a tablet containing a poem written by Sir John Stradling of St Donats in Latin and dated 1607, which translated tells the lyrical story of how the water fills the well.

On March 2, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile moderate walk at Bloreng (no dogs please); contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

For up to date information, visit www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com and Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

Aviation Society talk

ON Friday, March 1, Penarth Aviation Society will be meeting in the Penarth Conservative Club at 8pm and they welcome Ian Doyle, who will give a talk entitled 'Secret and Confidential - Life on an RAF Station in the late 1980s'.

Currently employed at Cardiff Metropolitan University, he will recount his experiences as a junior airman and Squadron Clerk at one

of the largest airbases in the UK from 1984 to 1996 when he was involved in fast jets training on Jaguar.

Why not join the Society? They meet on the first Friday of the month at the Penarth Conservative Club and visitors and potential members are welcome to attend. Further information at www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk, www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk or from secretary Barrie Howell on 02921 322385.

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Concerns over parking provisions at developments

LOCAL councillors have said they are concerned about new housing developments going up in Barry, without extra parking provision.

Vale councillors Ian Johnson and Millie Collins, who represent town centre wards, say there should be a minimum level of parking on new developments and more investment in public transport.

A new block of flats is due to be constructed in Belvedere Crescent, but there will not be extra parking spaces.

A Vale Council spokesman

pointed out that more than £4m has been invested in new transport facilities in the last five years and the aim was to encourage less car use.

He said: "The council has recently carried out a consultation exercise seeking views on new 'Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Guidance' to support the policies of the Local Development Plan.

"The responses to this consultation, including the views of Cllr Ian Johnson, will be considered by Cabinet in the coming weeks before the guidance is finalised.

"However, the guidance has

to be consistent with Welsh Government's national planning policy which requires local authorities to apply maximum rather than minimum parking standards, to encourage less car use and more reliance on sustainable transport options.

"The council consistently secures developer contributions through section 106 agreements to deliver improvements in sustainable transport facilities, which have totalled some £4.7 million in the last five years."

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Pupil selected for Welsh Debating Team

YEAR 12 pupil, Huw Jones from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, has been selected to represent Wales in the Welsh Debating Team.

In July, Huw will be part of a team of five who will travel to Chennai in India for a three day pre-tournament against 16 other national teams. He will then continue to Colombo in Sri Lanka to compete in the World Schools Debating Championship. This year, there are expected to be more than 70 national teams taking part.

Huw and his teammates have been busy training for the competition with their coach and European Debating Champion, Lucia Arce. A combination of weekend coaching sessions and training competitions at Bristol University and LSE have prepared the team for the event.

Huw is no stranger to competitive debating as he was a member of Team Wales last year at the competition in Croatia.

Huw said: "I think the best thing for me last year was to meet like-minded people from all over the world. The experience gave me the opportunity to make lots of new international friends. I am thrilled to be selected again this year and have a second chance to promote the Welsh language for my international contestants. Debating helps in every walk of life. Communicating with others is important in every job, so will be a great benefit to me in the future."

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Wooden Spoon's a winner at fundraiser



Friends and Neighbours

BARRY Friends & Neighbours' first meeting of the year, at Beryl Road, Pioneer Hall, Barry went off with a bang with well over 50 members attending.

New members were made welcome. The meeting started with Phil Batchelor from Home Instead giving a talk on scams, and what to do if affected by a scam; info leaflets were given out.

The members then enjoyed a sing-a-long with Golden Oldies and enjoyed singing to well known songs. Members were then given tea and cake. Information was given out on this year's programme. Thanks to all who attended to start the new year off. Contact Gay Fifiield on 01446 400044 for further information.

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The CreativiTea Group meet up

THURSDAY morning is an eagerly awaited time on the Sam Davies Ward.

The patients attending the CreativiTea group meet up to sing, draw, have fun and have a cup of tea. Ruth Bradshaw and Katja Stiller, from Valley and Vale Community Arts, have been working with staff and patients at the Sam Davies rehabilitation ward in Barry Community Hospital training care staff in person-centred creativity and facilitating weekly music and art sessions.

These sessions aim to break isolation, engage patients in a range of creative activities and improve the environment on the ward. Linda Edwards, ward manager said: "The sessions give the patients something to look forward to and a reason to get out of bed. When patients join in with the singalong sessions, the old familiar songs trigger happy memories and patients enjoy themselves. Music really does lift the spirit! We are very grateful to Ruth and Katja for their input on the ward."



Paul Watkins with Welsh rugby legend Steve Fenwick.



Alun Wyn Jones with the Welsh shirt.

A WOODEN Spoon charity event at Llantwit Major RFC last Friday attended by former Welsh rugby internationals raised over £4,500.

The organiser Paul Watkins, who leaves on a fundraising adventure to Everest in April, was delighted with the generosity of the guests. He said: "There was a great attendance – some people arrived at Rosedew Farm via helicopter to attend the event."

"I want to particularly thank businessman Andrew Whitehouse who has been my main supporter. He flew in from Chard in Somerset specially for the function. We held an auction and there were lots of raffle prizes and we raised over £4,500."

"Steve Fenwick and Ceri Sweeney were the guest speakers and had the guys and girls rolling with laughter. There were some serious debates on how we should play against England – that obviously rang true because it was great to get the win."

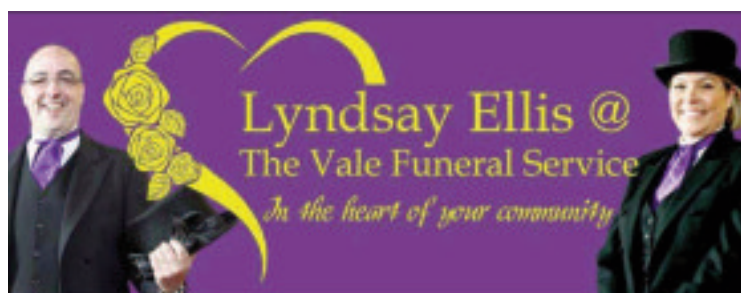
Fundraising was boosted thanks to a shirt signed by the Welsh rugby team. Paul explained: "I had a last-minute call to drive to the Vale Hotel on Friday morning to collect a jersey that the team had signed. And the Welsh team's chef helped me out on that."

"I want to thank everyone who made the function such a success. The donations will help to make children's lives in the UK that little bit easier."

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Lyndsay and Nicola Ellis of



Are calling out for donations of easter eggs to their Easter Egg Appeal. All donated eggs will be given to the local charity Vale Food Bank



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PM's praise for 'Points of Light' award winner



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FUW Column - It's form-filling time – but it really matters!

IT'S that time of year again when we start thinking about Single Application Forms (SAF).

The application window opens on Monday,

March 4 and our county staff are busy getting prepared to help take away the stress of filling the form.

As many of you will know, the SAF is completed via RPW online

and is used to claim payment under the following schemes: Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) including Redistributive, Greening and Young Farmer; Glastir Entry; Glastir Advanced;

Glastir Organic; Glastir Woodland Management; Improved Land Premium; Glastir Woodland Creation Premium; Glastir Woodland Creation Maintenance.

You must also complete the SAF 2019 if you wish to apply for National Reserve Entitlements, as a 'New Entrant' or a 'Young Farmer'.

To claim under the BPS you must be a farmer and need to be carrying out agricultural activities. If you do not declare livestock or arable/permanent crops on your SAF then you will need to submit supporting documents to prove you have undertaken agricultural activities. If you need to submit supporting documents to prove agricultural activity you must do so by May 15, unless the activity is due to take place later in the year – in which case you will need to notify RPW in writing (letter, email or RPW message) that you will be submitting supporting documents later in the year.

That evidence then needs to be submitted within 30 days of the activity taking place.

It is also worth noting

that to be eligible to receive a BPS payment you must have at least five hectares of eligible agricultural land at your disposal on May 15, 2019 and own or lease in at least five BPS Entitlements.

We provide a free SAF filling service to all paid-up members as part of their membership package, which has proven invaluable for thousands of members over the years – saving them time and a paperwork-headache.

Our staff are not only well trained but are also very well practiced in dealing with the complex application process. The SAF completion process is probably the single most important form completion exercise carried out by Welsh farmers each year, and the financial repercussions of errors on the forms can be severe.

I encourage our members and first time form fillers to contact us as soon as possible to book an appointment if they need help in filling in their SAF; and not to forget that the deadline for submitting forms without penalties is May 15.

Anne Dunn

Do you have a spare room?

COULD you provide a supportive home for a homeless young person?

Llamau's Supported Lodgings scheme is looking for host providers in the Vale of Glamorgan to provide one-to-one support, in a home environment, for young people with experience of homelessness. The scheme supports young people aged 16-25 who may be leaving care or who are not able to live at home.

The young person is provided with a room of their own in a private home, where they become a member of the household. Young people are placed with carefully chosen host providers who are given guidance by Llamau on how best to support the young person who is living with them.

All you need is a spare room and a willingness to help young people. It doesn't matter whether you live in a house or flat, are married or single, working or unemployed. You don't need any special qualifications to be a

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Supported Lodgings host provider, and our current host providers come from a variety of backgrounds. Young people supported by the scheme have a variety of cultural backgrounds, and so it is important that Llamau is able to offer each young person the most appropriate home for them.

As a Supported Lodgings Provider, you will be expected to support the young person living with you to gain the skills and confidence they need to become an independent young adult, and to eventually move into and manage their own home. All young people supported by the Supported Lodgings scheme are currently in training, college or employment, or will become closer to achieving this as a result of support and encouragement from the host provider.

In return, you will receive a weekly allowance of between £115 and £140 per week, paid directly by Llamau.

In addition to this, the young person living with you will contribute £20 per week towards living costs and utilities.

Each young person is different, and it is up to you as a host provider, with ongoing support and training from Llamau, to find the best way to support the young person living with you. The end date of the placement is agreed in advance between Llamau and the host provider. Placements can last anything between two months to two years, with the aim being that, at the end of the placement, the young person feels confident enough to live independently.

If you are interested in becoming a Supported Lodgings host provider, call Llamau on 01446 748852 during office hours for an informal chat, or email enquiries@llamau.org.uk.

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Polar pedalling parley proves pretty popular



Flying the flag, Maria used a specially designed three-wheel polar bike on her journey to the South Pole.

LOCAL polar adventurer Maria Leijerstam gave a talk to around 50 people at Cowbridge Library recently.

In 2013, she was the first person to cycle to the South Pole from the edge of the Antarctic continent, a distance of 396 miles. She has written a book about the experience entitled *Cycling to the South Pole*.

Maria said: "It was great to be back in my home town to share the story

of how I cycled to the South Pole becoming the first person to do so. The audience was a combination of active cyclists and keen readers and asked technical questions about the make-up of my polar cycle as well as what I thought when I was cycling alone on the polar plateau."

"I did some of my training up the sand dunes at Merthyr Mawr. It was nice to have somewhere local to prepare."

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Crowds turn out to say farewell to the Tornado

IT was the end of an era. The 'Tonka' has been in service nigh-on 40 years and until just a few weeks ago, she was still being sorted on ops against Daesh in Libya.

Crowds, running into the low hundreds of men, women, and children, massed near MoD St Athan today for the fly-past of a Vic of three RAF Tornados, which was on the second of a three-day farewell tour of many of the UK's RAF (former or current) air bases.

Time and technology have moved on, and although she has had many updates over the decades, her generation has come to the end and it is now down to the RAF's Typhoons and Lightnings to defend our skies and those of others.

A couple of young chaps – no more than early-20s – when asked why they were there, replied: "Just got to be here to say goodbye to the Tornado. She's done a great job. It's all the memories."

It made the author feel rather old. The Tornado, in desert pink colours, first saw action in the Gulf War when the author was a young sub in Operation Granby, which by a reasonable estimate was about eight years before the two men were born. The flypast was over too soon for most, who watched, through the trees, the flight disappear into the distance, and history.



'I will not be leaving the Conservative Party' says Alun Cairns

IT is not just Labour that has seen members resign to join the Independent Group, although not in the same numbers and not for the same reasons.

On Wednesday, February 20, three Conservative MPs resigned from their party to swell the ranks of the Independent Group to 11.

Anna Soubry, Heidi Allen, and Sarah Wollaston have left citing the PM's handling of Brexit negotiations for their decisions.

In the interests of balance, we put to Conservative Vale MP and Secretary of State for Wales Alun Cairns those put to Labour's Madeleine Moon and

Chris Elmore, to which Mr Elmore replied [See The GEM February 21].

Mr Cairns said: "No, I will not be leaving the Conservative Party. I remain a committed member of the Conservative Party and Government and like my colleagues I am focused on delivering on the result of the 2016 referendum."

"We are determined to ensure that the best possible deal is delivered for the people and businesses of the United Kingdom."

"It is disappointing that these three talented MPs have decided to leave the Conservative Party, but we remain focused on delivering on the 2016 referendum result."

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Cliff-top spaniel makes her own way to safety

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A spokesperson said she was not microchipped but had a collar, which suggests she had become estranged from her owner. The dog, which is white with patches of black and tan, is now at Cardiff Dogs' Home and the owner is being asked to contact it on 02920 711242.



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Sweet! lifeboat crew re-covers Chesterfield armchair



Not a common sight as Penarth lifeboat crew re-cover a pontoon with a Chesterfield armchair on it.

PENARTH lifeboat station was called to the outer Wrach Buoy on February 22 to recover a floating eight-foot pontoon with a Chesterfield armchair on it.

A spokesperson for Penarth RNLI said: "It was unusual. We don't think it had come from the barrage, it had possibly come from further up river."

Date set for trial of councillor

A Vale of Glamorgan councillor has appeared at Cardiff Crown Court and denied carrying out sex attacks.

Anthony Hampton, 71, of Forest Drive, Barry, pleaded not guilty to 15 charges of indecent assault. He will be tried at a hearing which will open on July 8. It is estimated to last for six days. Mr Hampton was remanded on bail.

Former council leader's verdict on current administration's budget management

RESIDENTS in the Vale will pay 4.9 per cent extra council tax from April as the authority's Conservative leader calls for an end to austerity.

Council leader John Thomas has said any further spending cuts will affect services as his administration proposes £3.7 million in savings for 2019-20. The proposed budget would mean the band D council tax rate would be set at £1,245.06 for the next financial year.

Savings across all the council's service areas are planned, but there would be cash boosts for social services and schools. The proposals would see 27 full-time job losses at the council, excluding schools. It comes after the Vale Council's annual settlement for 2019-20 fell by £1.18m from the previous year.

The council has had to make savings of more than £55m over the last nine years. Speaking to the Local Democracy Reporting Service, Cllr Thomas said he was "pleased" that the council tax increase was among the lowest in Wales but called for an end to austerity. He said: "We can't really make any more savings without having an effect on services. All the slack has gone from the system."

"It's getting more and more difficult to provide the same services with less money. A lot of services are expected to provide more as we increase our ageing population, and more children need help with additional learning needs. Originally I thought austerity

was necessary. In the initial years it had little effect on services.

"Now we've got to the point where any savings we make are affecting services. It's time that austerity ended."

A projection of the possible total shortfall in the council's funding for 2020-21 and 2021-22 could be between £9.6m and £13.89m depending on how much council tax is increased by. Cllr Thomas said services will be asked to start planning for ways to make the further savings required over the next two years immediately after the budget is passed.

The council is set to miss its £6.29m savings target this year by £724,000 and services are intending to draw money from reserves. Next year's proposed budget involves taking £2m from reserves plus a further £1m in 2020-21. But Cllr Neil Moore, leader of Labour on the council, expressed doubts as to whether the budget could be achieved.

Cllr Moore said: "Arithmetically you could argue that they have balanced the books. They still have to make the savings within that budget and I'm not convinced they are going to be able to."

"I'm not convinced they are managing the budgets well or they will again this year."

The council says the proposed savings targets for next year are achievable. Social services will receive £2.2m in extra cash but still be required to make savings of £545,000.

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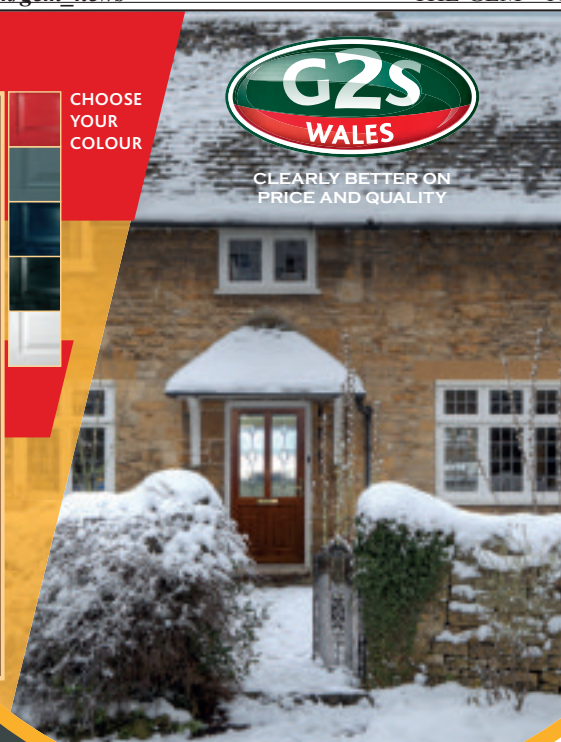
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ESU launches its 2019 programme



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THE south Wales branch of the English Speaking Union launched its 2019 programme with a lunch at the Cardiff City Stadium attended by over 150 members, who were indeed fortunate to welcome Dr Bobo Lo who spoke on 'Five things you should know about President Putin's RUSSIA'.

Dr Lo has a doctorate in the Soviet Political Economy and, having

served as deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Moscow and with many think-tanks in various countries, is internationally recognised as an expert in both Russian and Chinese politics and economics. Dr Lo described how Western policymakers have ignored the strategic partnership which Russia and China has been developing over recent years, with President Putin determined to maintain Russia's role as one of the three world powers. Many observers now see a China/Russia engagement as a game-maker

in 21st century politics, with China's economic growth inexorably overtaking the USA and assuming the mantle of the dominant nation.

Dr Lo also detailed how the indecision and lack of cohesion among Western governments has been cynically exploited by the Russian President; for example in terms of cyber attack in particular against the UK and USA, political processes and military offensives in Syria and the Ukraine.

This was truly a masterclass in analysing the thinking and objectives

of the Russian President and, by the popular acclaim of members, Dr Lo has agreed to return and speak at a future lunch.

The next branch event is a lunch at the Cardiff City Stadium on Monday, April 8 with Anne Pasternak speaking on Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor. Details from Derek Morgan, chairman on 01656 669129 or email esuswb@googlemail.com.



Jeff Edwards, Anne Morgan, Anthony Tal-Williams.

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PACT meetings in the Vale

COME along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Gibbonsdown PACT will be held at the Residents Board, Coychurch Rise, Barry, at 10.30am on Tuesday, March 12.

'Cuppa with a Copper' will be held at the YMCA HUB, Court Road, Barry, on Wednesday, March 6 between 2pm and

3.30pm.

Meet your local officer at Penarth Library on Thursday, March 7 between 11 am and 12 noon.

Llantwit Major Police surgery will be held at Llantwit Major Library on Tuesday, March 12 between 10.30am and 11.30am.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk for contact details for your local PCSO to contact them directly for non emergency matters.

Craft Fair raises funds for charity

THE Enfys Craft Fair for February was unfortunately cancelled because of the weather, but the next fair will be held on Saturday, March 2 from 10am until 4pm at St Ffrancis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry and everyone is welcome.

As well as various stalls at the fair, Ann's Kitchen has been adding new dishes to her menu.

At the November fair last year, more than £100 was raised for Action Medical Research and in December, £160 was raised for Velindre Cancer Research. The charity for March is Mittens.

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Councillors' surgery

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Jumble sale
THERE will be a secondhand clothes and jumble sale at Paul Lewis Community Centre, St Athan on Saturday, March 2; 10am till 4pm, free entry also raffle, tombola and refreshments.

Cowbridge litter pick

THE Love Cowbridge/Hate Litter environmental group will be litter picking around Cowbridge on Sunday morning, March 3.

A spokesman said: "Please meet at 10am behind the town hall for one hour or so. All kit is provided on the day."

World Book Day

BARRY library's World Book Day event for children will take place on Thursday, March 7 from 4pm - 5pm at Barry Library.

Dress as your favourite book character, treasure

hunt, design your own book cover; refreshments provided, and prizes to be won!

Rhoose cinema

MULTI-Oscar winning 'Bohemian Rhapsody (12a) is rocking its way to Rhoose Community Cinema on March 9.

Doors open 6.45pm, showtime 7.15pm. All tickets £5, available via www.ticketsource rhoosecommunitycinema; also available on the night. Further details from Jo at 07986 907151 or Jen 07779 004198.

Quiz at Penarth library

FRIENDS of Penarth Library will hold a quiz at the library on Stanwell Road on Tuesday, March 12 between 6pm and 8pm.

The cost is £2 a head, to include refreshments, and teams should be between 4/6 people. To book a team call in at the library or phone the library on 02920 708438.

Sully Community Cinema

THE next screening at Sully Community Cinema will be The Italian Job on Wednesday, March 13 at 7pm in the Old School Community Centre with free drinks and pizza. The film starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £4 each.

Plaid meeting

ADAM Price AM, leader of Plaid Cymru will host a public meeting alongside Luke Fletcher in Maesteg to discuss

his vision for future Wales. The event will be taking place in Maesteg Quinn's RFC on March 14, beginning at 7.30pm. High Voltage in The Ruby Slipper HIGH Voltage, a performing arts group for adults with additional learning needs based in Barry, will present The Ruby Slipper on Saturday, March 16 at 6pm in Dinas Powys Parish Hall.

Tickets (£5) are available from e_gamgee@hotmail.co.uk or via Facebook @highvoltageattheatre.

There are no barriers to who can join the group, so if you are interested, please email.

KPC seeking golfers!

KPC Youth & Community are holding their annual charity Golf Day on Friday, June 21 at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.

Team entry for teams of four is £165 per team (or discounted Early Bird entry of just £145 if entry form and payment submitted by April 30). Entry includes coffee on arrival, golf fees and a buffet meal following the round of golf, and to be part of our prize presentation. We still have slots available - so come along for a great day's golf and the chance to support a local charity!

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Friday 8th March - Open for breakfast & Lunch - 9am - 2.30pm daily.

Opening Party Night - Retro Vinyl 80s Disco with spot prizes for fancy dress. All welcome.

Saturday 9th March - Open for Breakfast & Lunch - 9am - 2.30pm

Rugby - Wales v Scotland 2.00pm (half time sausage rolls and sandwiches)

Retro Vinyl 60s & 70s Night.

Saturday 16th March - RUGBY - Italy v France 12.30pm • Wales v Ireland 2.45pm • England v Scotland 5.00pm (Free chilli & Chips half time)

Evening Entertainment - Live Local Duo "Harmony Bridge", covering Everly Brothers, Fleetwood Mac & more.

Saturday 23rd March - Local Live Music - Male/Female Duo "Session", 8pm.

Saturday 29th March - Retro Vinyl 60s & 70s Disco

Saturday 30th March - Local Live Music - Male/Female Trio "Now In A Minute"

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Jane Hutt said "One of my key new ministerial responsibilities is the violence against women and domestic abuse strategy so it was a great opportunity to meet my local team serving the Vale so brilliantly."

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Vale dancers win places in Swan Lake



Genevieve Carr will appear with the English Youth Ballet at the New Theatre in Cardiff.



Seren Woodley-Thomas will perform with The English Youth Ballet in Swan Lake.

THE Vale School of Dance is celebrating after two of its pupils auditioned successfully for the English Youth Ballet's production of Swan Lake in Cardiff.

Thirteen-year-old Seren Woodley-Thomas and 11-year-old Genevieve Carr were among hundreds of young hopefuls who took part in auditions to appear at the New Theatre in August.

The English Youth Ballet performs classical ballets in regional theatres across the UK, giving young dancers outside London an opportunity to perform in a professional setting.

Seren, who lives in Llanmaes and attends Llantwit Major Comprehensive School, told THE GEM: "I was very nervous because it was my first audition."

"It was competitive, but inspirational to watch all the other amazing ballet dancers. I'm very excited to start rehearsals and I'm sure it will be an experience I will never forget."

Genevieve, from Colwinston, who attends Howells School, said: "I'm nervous but excited. I'm looking forward to making some new friends."

Genevieve auditioned in the category for dancers aged six to 11. Seren was in the audition category for dancers aged 12 to 18 – so it was particularly impressive that she made it through when she was up against teenagers five years older than her.

Nerissa Underwood, who runs the dance school, said: "I'm very proud they were successful. They have both been with the school for several years, work hard and are serious about their dance."

The Vale School of Dance has been going for nearly 30 years and teaches ballet, street jazz and tap to children in Cowbridge, Rhosce and St Athan.

Cold Pursuit is quirky but inconsequential...

IT'S safe to say that the release of Liam Neeson's latest film, *Cold Pursuit*, has come with a little more scrutiny than usual following comments made during an interview promoting it.

The film has now hit cinema screens and sees Neeson play snowplough driver Nels Coxman, whose son is murdered at the order of drug lord Viking (Tom Bateman). Nels takes action into his own hands and seeks revenge for his son's murder, but his actions soon set into motion a gang war between Viking and White Bull (Tom Jackson), one that Nels finds himself irrevocably caught up in...

It's safe to say that the notion of Liam Neeson playing a man out to avenge wrongdoing is something that has almost certainly had its day, given that we've had three *Taken* films, and no end of other action films starring the now 66-year-old actor.

Cold Pursuit, then, decides to take a slightly different tack - here Neeson plays an ordinary guy determined to right a wrong for his family, and while it has some nice quirky elements, it winds up feeling like an inconsequential and ultimately pretty forgettable piece of work.

It's a film that goes for a mixture of Scandinoir and Coen-esque irreverence, and while it offers up some of both, it doesn't quite succeed. On the surface the snowy vistas give



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it a heady dose of the former, while characters who are more than just genre archetypes fulfil the latter, but the sum total is just lacking. It's based on 2014 Norwegian film *In Order of Disappearance* and shares that film's director in Hans Petter Møller, who does a pretty good job. His direction feels assured and, crucially, attempts to subvert expectations (after all, films like these are pretty common).

A title card that keeps track of those who die in the course of the film is a prime example of the film's jet black humour; but while that works well there's an emotional coldness that just doesn't sit right.

We're supposed to feel sympathy for Nels' situation, but the film never truly conveys the depth of his loss, while storyline developments take some dark turns that are delivered with flippancy, giving the film an odd tone.

The performances

are all fine - Neeson's turn is nicely low-key, a man seeking answers and vengeance for what has befallen him and his family, while Tom Bateman as drug lord Viking gives his performance a dash of ham but, in the grand scheme of things, it works.

Emmy Rossum and John Doman as a pair of police officers who become embroiled in the war, are entertaining but are dealt with poorly by the screenplay: sidelining them and making them unimportant to the overall story. It's particularly harsh on the former, who channels Frances McDormand in *Fargo* (one of the film's touchstones) but doesn't get the opportunity to really expand on it.

This is a film that is all surface, no feeling - it's more concerned with quirk and style than giving it any emotional backbone, and given the subject matter it needs this to really get the viewer onside. As it is, this lack of depth means that *Cold Pursuit* doesn't linger any longer than it takes for the credits to roll.

VERDICT - A film that has its moments, *Cold Pursuit* is undone by an emotional coldness and a lack of any real substance. Hans Petter Møller's direction has enough about it to hold your attention, and the performances are fine, but its disparate elements fail to coalesce into something worthwhile. Poor.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Fargo* (1996), *Headhunters* (2011).



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Apartment blocks set to be built, despite residents' objections

A DEVELOPMENT of 72 "affordable" homes is set to be approved in Barry despite objections from residents.

Plans to build the apartments in two four and five storey blocks in Subway Road have been recommended for approval by Vale Council officers. The apartments, which would all be "social rented", would be served by 37 parking spaces and would be built opposite the council's docks office.

Vale Council planning committee will decide whether to approve the scheme on Thursday, February 28, but around 20 objections have been made against the development, including from Barry Town Council. Concerns have been raised about the scale and visual impact of the buildings, parking, loss of privacy for surrounding properties and loss of existing commercial units.

If the plans are approved all the units currently on the site, including Crefft Kitchen and Bedroom Studio and the former home of Glamorgan Plumbing Supplies, would be demolished to make way

for the new development.

Block one of the development, at the southern end of the site next to Ffordd Y Milleniwm would be five storeys high, while block two to the north would be four storeys high. Barry Town Council has made strong objections to the plans, citing 'the excessive height and scale' of the proposed development, and 'potential overlooking' of the existing two storey homes to the rear of the site.

The town council also says there could be 'a potential over-development of the site' and the proposed car parking provision is 'poor'.

Neighbouring residents have also objected to the plans, criticising its number of parking spaces, loss of privacy, loss of historic buildings and over-development of the site. But Vale council officers have urged the committee to approve the plans.

A housing assessment in 2017 said Barry needs an extra 576 affordable homes each year to keep up with demand, while there are 452 households on the council's housing waiting list in the Castleland ward of the town. The council report says: 'It is considered

that the development would make a significant contribution towards meeting that housing need and, on balance, it is considered that it would outweigh the modest loss of employment space within the site, and that the loss of that space would not significantly affect the supply and availability of employment land within Barry.

"While taller than the two and three storey dwellings/flats to the rear, the buildings are comparable with much of the wider street scene and they would not appear as over-scaled or unusually tall in this context, when approaching the site from either direction along Ffordd Y Milleniwm."

The original plans

were for 80 units but this has been revised, with block two being scaled down from five to four storeys.

The council report says: "In this case, while the building is relatively large it is considered that the scale, taken together with the distance between the properties, would ensure an acceptable level of amenity would be preserved and that the development would not be unreasonably overbearing."

The GEM put this to councillors representing the ward; one replied saying that they were unable to comment.

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter

Only 325 apprenticeships in farming in Wales last year

ONLY one per cent of the total number of apprenticeships available in Wales for the last two academic years were in agriculture, latest figures show.

According to figures from Stats Wales, only 325 of the 31,360 apprenticeships in 2017/18 were in the agricultural industry, despite the sector accounting for four per cent of all employment in Wales during the same period.

Welsh Conservative Environment and Rural Affairs spokesman Andrew RT Davies AM has described the figures as 'deeply troubling', particularly as the Welsh food and drink manufacturing sector and its supply chain is a major contributor to the Welsh economy. The total value of the sector to the Welsh economy, taking into account the agricultural, processing and retail sectors, is estimated to be more than £1 billion

per annum.

Mr Davies said: "The £1 billion Welsh food and drink sector and its supply chain is a major contributor to our economy and these apprenticeship figures are deeply troubling."

"For the future of our industry, it's vital we drive knowledge into the sector so we can add value to the quality product that farms produce the length and breadth of Wales."

"Over the last two decades, the Welsh Labour Government's record of support for the rural economy has been pitiful and regrettably is epitomised in these latest figures. Agriculture accounts for four per cent of all employment in Wales, so we must now see a coherent plan from the Minister on how her department will drive a much-needed increase in the number of apprentices entering the industry."

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2019-2020 BCBC budget receives a mixed reception in the county

BRIDGEND County Borough Council's budget for the year ahead has been approved, with cuts of £7.6 million and a council tax increase of 5.4 per cent.

Councillors voted in favour of the budget at a full council meeting on February 20.

The council tax increase in 2019-20 means that for an average Band D property the council tax will rise by £75.40p to £1,470.87 from £1,395.51.

Council leader Huw David acknowledged there were people who would struggle to pay the new council tax rate but claimed there was "no alternative".

Deputy leader Hywel Williams said delivering the £7.6m cuts would "not be easy" and warned that council staff would be made redundant.

He said: "We will do all we can to implement these changes as painlessly as possible."

A criticism of the budget during the meeting came from Cllr Lyn Walters (Conservative) who said the budget felt like Groundhog Day, with too many of the planned cuts either categorised as being at high risk or medium risk of not being delivered over the year ahead.

She said: "The concerns I raised last year are pretty much the same ones I have today. This year, £4.6m of the cuts are rated as high risk or medium risk – that means there is doubt over whether 60 per cent of the savings can be delivered."

"I accept we are dealing with a difficult situation here, dealing with savings on top of savings, year after year."

However, in the corporate world, it would not be acceptable to produce a plan where 25 per cent of proposed budget reductions are high risk and 35 per cent are medium.

"I do not consider we have a balanced budget because the high risk savings are too high risk."

Finance officers said the delivery of saving plans had a good track record and Cllr David said despite being in a similar position last year, there was a small budget underspend forecast by the end of this financial year.

Officers said the majority of the high-risk savings were down to a "contractual issue" involving the Materials Recovery and Energy Centre in Neath Port Talbot, where Bridgend sends its non-recyclable waste.

The £7.6m cuts are coming from areas such as reductions in staff across many departments, ending bus subsidies, removing the councillors' Community Action Fund, and renegotiating contracts with partners such as HALO Leisure and Awen Cultural Trust.

The council has said it is trying to keep the bus station in Bridgend open through options such as entering into a partnership with Bridgend Town Council, charging bus operators more for using the facility and exploring opportunities for setting up commercial opportunities.

However, it has warned if it is unable to make the planned £90,000 savings over the next two years, it will have to close.

There are also future cuts planned to outdoor sports fields and pavilions in an attempt to

save £300,000 a year.

The council has issued a warning to local organisations that if they do not take responsibility for them through community asset transfers, or pay four or five times more to use them, they will close, because the local authority can no longer afford to subsidise them.

There are reviews planned for services that include school crossing patrols, complex care provision, homelessness prevention, as well as parks and playing fields.

Pre-application planning fees are set to rise by 10 per cent.

Charges are also set to increase for the green waste service from £28.30 per household to £38.30 – with the collection of three bulky waste items from £15.50 to £20.

Opening hours of the community recycling centres are also expected to be reduced by one hour every day. Before these changes can happen, contract negotiations would need to take place with Kier and there would have to be a public consultation regarding the charge changes and reduced levels of service.

At the full council meeting on February 20, Cllr David pointed out the cross-party approach to the budget-setting process, thanking all parties for their "non-partisan, constructive and mature engagement".

He said: "We have listened to the public and headteachers – that's why we're proposing to increase the cash budgets for schools by £4.5m

without the proposed £900,000 efficiency saving."

"This will not be an increase in school budgets in real terms, it will be a standstill budget because they will have to fund pension contributions for teachers – that is unavoidable."

"We believe by making this cash increase we will at least minimise the potential job losses and cuts."

He said that the 5.4 per cent council tax increase would lead to an additional £4.6m, which was effectively going to the county's schools to cover "unavoidable pressures".

Deputy leader Hywel Williams said the number of people responding to a public consultation on the budget through returning surveys had increased by 44 per cent from last year.

When it came to the budget vote, 32 councillors voted for, 11 voted against and there were 10 abstentions.

Liz Bradfield, Local Democracy Reporter
The GEM contacted councillors representing other parties on BCBC council, as well as UNISON.

Cllr Tom Giffard, Leader of the Conservative Group on Bridgend County Borough Council said "Throughout the budget process, I made very clear to the Council Leader that I wouldn't accept yet another massive council tax rise."

Please visit glamorgan-gem.co.uk for the full story.

Emmaus shop's sixth anniversary on St David's Day

IT is Emmaus South Wales' Porthcawl shop's sixth anniversary on Friday, March 1, and customers and supporters of the charity, which helps homeless people, are invited to pop along to the shop at 36-38 New Road, Porthcawl CF36 5DN to join in.

MP's surgeries

CHRIS Elmore, MP for Ogmore, has published his March advice surgery dates; constituents are welcome to attend to raise issues or concerns with him.

Friday, March 1: 1pm – 2pm at Maesteg (Tesco, Castle Street) joint surgery with Huw Irranca-Davies AM. Friday, March 8: 1pm – 2pm in Llanharan (Llanharan RFC, Bridgend Road).

Ogmore constituents can always contact his constituency office in Pencoid by calling 01656 860034 or by emailing chris.elmore.mp@parliament.uk if they have issues to raise but are unable to attend an advice surgery.

New Friends needed for group

PALMERSTON Community Learning Centre would like to welcome any friendly person to join their FAN (friends and neighbours) group which meets every Monday afternoon at 2pm.

A spokesperson said: "FAN is a local charity that brings people of all ages together in the spirit of friendship. If you enjoy meeting others, or are feeling a little lonely, you will be

sure of finding a warm welcome."

"We are looking for new people to join us to share their everyday experiences, and thoughts on a weekly topic, over a free hot drink. You do not have to book, there is no commitment and no charge."

"We also meet weekly in Barry Library on Wednesdays at 11.30am, and Golau Caredig on Tuesdays at 10.30am. For further information email: carolinefan2018@gmail.com."

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Council budget

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This year children's services is projecting an overspend of £500,000 due to "the increasing complexities of the children currently being supported, which results in their placement in very high-cost units". Schools would get £3.4m extra money but would have a savings target of £824,000.

The council would give schools the money to fund the full increase in costs of employer's pension contribution rate increasing from 16.48 per cent to 23.6 per cent from September 1. The increase could cost the council £3.1m over two years, but the authority says it has so far received

no additional money from the Welsh or UK Governments for this.

Schools would get an extra £770,000 to contribute towards other pressures in schools such as demographic growth. Neighbourhood services and transport would have to save £932,000 and face getting £100,000 less money than this year in the proposed budget.

But £625,000 would be provided to deal with further pressure in the waste collection and recycling services. Corporate resources, which face a £821,000 savings target, face a £10m budget cut.

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy reporter

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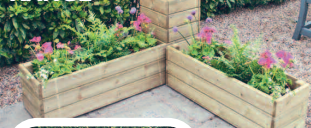


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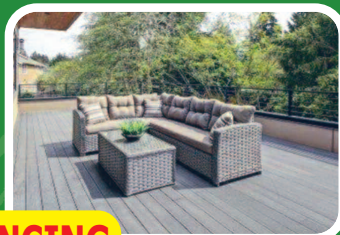


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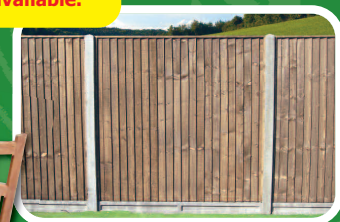
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Steps to spring clean your garden

GARDENS take a battering over winter, so here are some tips to get lawns and flower beds fit for Spring.

Gardening experts at BillyOh.com have created an easy to follow guide to help homeowners get their outdoor areas ready for the warmer months ahead.

Make the most of outdoor space by taking full advantage of the longer days and lighter evenings to maximise your garden's potential.

A spokesman from BillyOh.com explained:

"Gardens are usually neglected during the colder months, so are in dire need of a good spring clean. This process does not have to be stressful and can be achieved easily."

"Simply getting rid of weeds and fertilising the lawn can lead to a transformation and provide a lovely place to relax in the cool evenings."

So, what do the experts suggest?

- Leaf Clear-out. Sweep away any leaves or branches that have gathered in the last couple of months, which will give the garden a super-fast facelift and also will help identify

what needs to be done in the garden.

- Get Rid and Refresh. Remove anything in the garden that is letting it down such as old toys, tools and weeds. Prune existing plants to restore them to their former glory.

- Replace and Invest. Identify which gardening tools have seen their best days and invest in key supplies such as a lawnmower and shovels if needed. With the right tools simple tasks

become even easier and quicker.

- Power wash away. Clean any paving slabs, bricks or decking that need a refresh. This is quick and an easy fix for anything that needs a good scrub.

- Bring it to Life. Drier weather offers the perfect opportunity to re-paint or re-stain anything like a fence or gate.

- Feed your Soil. Early Spring is the optimum time to give your

garden a good serving of fertiliser. The next time it rains, spread slow-release fertiliser over your garden, this will break down and be absorbed by roots and helps new plants grow when planted.

- Grow it Yourself. After all, spring is the season of new life, it is a great time to plant vegetables and flowers ready to enjoy in the summer, adding colour to your garden.

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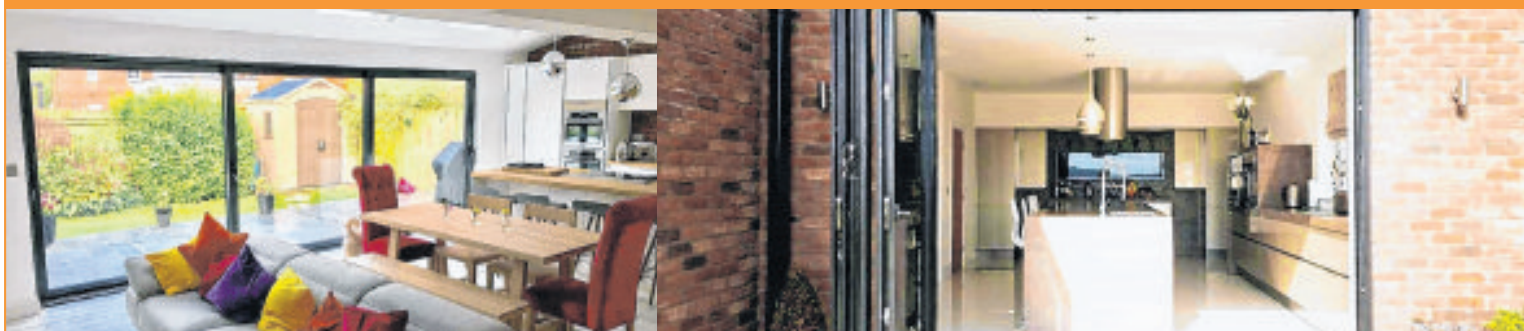
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Sylvesters' store in Barry to close down

THE Silver Star Decorating and Home Improvement store on Barry Docks has announced a closing down sale. The Sylvester family have been trading in Barry for 127 years – Barry's longest established family business.

Starting this Friday, on St David's Day, March 1, everyone can buy everything in the store at half price.

The business began in 1890 when John Sylvester came to the new town of Barry from Taunton in Somerset, to begin a decorating business. The first Sylvester shop was opened in High Street in 1902 and as was the tradition in those days, decorating shops were run by the decorator's wife, who was Mrs Louisa Jane Sylvester.

John's son, John Sylvester junior joined the business in 1905 and was noted for high class decorating, graining and sign writing on houses, shops, churches, buses and vans, including White's fairground rides, fairground organ and steam traction engine at Barry Island - even the Barry lifeboat.

There were vehicle painting works in both

Thompson Street and Kendrick Road and the firm is believed to have worked on shops and houses in every street in Barry in pre-war days.

The business moved from High Street to Cross Street and Station Street in 1902, where the decorating shop was eventually run for many years by Mrs Violet Sylvester, who will be remembered by many customers.

After the death of John Sylvester junior in 1964, the business was continued by his sons Terry and David, and in 1969 they opened the store at Subway Road, Barry Docks which was one of the first big decorating and home improvement stores in south Wales; and branches were opened in Penarth, Aberdare, Bargoed, Newport, Llandow and Merthyr.

As all the buildings in Subway Road are now to be demolished, for just four weeks everyone can buy thousands of items, including the Sylvesters' wonderful selection of over 650 beautiful wall-papers, paints, kitchen units, bathroom ranges, timber, tools and doors – all at half price, as a thank – you to all the people of Barry, many of whom have been Sylvesters' customers for generations.

Estyn report published for College

THE inspection published by Estyn, Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales, on the Further Education provision of Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) shows all inspection areas graded good or excellent.

Only the second FE College in Wales to be inspected against a new framework, CAVC is the first to be awarded the new Excellent grade within this, for "well-being" and "attitudes to learning".

The positive report highlights the quality of the college's work and its impact on learners, communities and

employers in the region. It noted the 'very clear and strategic approach to its provision with the aim of developing skilled and employable people'.

It also recognised the college as 'instrumental in supporting the economic growth and skills development within the region'. Standards are judged good across the board. The report commented on the progress learners make from their starting points and the broad range of skills that learners demonstrate and develop during their time with CAVC and teachers who 'engage and motivate learners'.

An area of particular excellence recognised in the report is overall well-being and attitudes to learning of learners at CAVC.

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'Wrong end of the stick' over empty properties

IN response to Matt Discombe's article 'Empty properties in the Vale may have to pay more council tax', may I suggest we are not all landlords keeping property empty to accrue value, or keeping them in such a state as being inhabitable and just acting as a pension pot or indeed weekend second homes, but some property, as mine is, is my late parents' home, which has been up for sale since their passing some two years ago.

Lots of feedback I have had through this sale is that there is a lack of facilities in the more rural parts of the Vale putting potential buyers off, so

maybe the council would be better off turning their attention to this lack of facilities, instead of trying to squeeze any more money from these properties; and maybe the council could state what services they provide to these properties for the 50 per cent we already have to pay.

With the rise in homelessness currently enjoyed in this country, empty homes are a wasteful disgrace if done for the wrong reason. Surely if a property is genuinely on the market priced at market value and empty, they should not be council taxed at all.

The phrase 'nothing for something' springs to mind: is it me, or the council has got that wrong?

NJ Mace,
Rhoose.

'Is Hannibal, not fraudster Iolo, Cowbridge's most famous son?'

Do not wish to spoil things for those who see Iolo Morgannwg as a Welsh cultural hero (The GEM, February 14).

Let those who wish to pay homage to a man who spent most of life as a fraudster have their fun.

However it was a surprise to see him described as 'Cowbridge's most famous son'.

As he was born in Flemingston, it is stretching the boundaries of scientific credulity to imagine he was born in two places at once! Son

of Cowbridge? Hardly.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines 'famous' as 'widely known'.

It follows that even if we accept Iolo's association with Cowbridge, then we have to allow Sir Anthony Hopkins' connection as boarder at the grammar school as well.

Who is the most famous? Iolo Morgannwg or Sir Anthony Hopkins?

It's not really up for debate is it?

Jeffrey Bird
Cowbridge

The 'refugee versus economic migrant' debate continues

I AM writing in response to the letter, published recently, from Ross England.

I am disappointed that someone who aspires to future political office should display such closed-minded and mean-spirited opinions.

His comments about people who are fleeing their country being "not genuine refugees but instead economic migrants" are at best inaccurate and at worst, a deliberate attempt at prejudicing people against asylum seekers.

Under international law, anyone has the right to apply for asylum in any country that has signed the 1951 Convention (which the UK has) and to remain there until the authorities

have assessed their claim.

Furthermore, there is nothing in international law to say that refugees must claim asylum in the first country they reach.

Wales has a proud history of being a compassionate and welcoming nation to people in need around the world.

In defining Wales as a 'Nation of Sanctuary', Jane Hutt and the Labour Government are showing us all that, despite the divisions caused by the Westminster Government, people in this country will not forget their traditional values.

Elizabeth Williams,
Barry.

'Baffled' by the Vale Council cabinet's decision

IT is a source of bafflement and immense sadness to me that the Vale Council cabinet have not thought fit to grant the Physic Garden 'Fields in Trust' status.

Throughout my 10 years' involvement I have witnessed remarkable examples of what this small green haven means to the community. It has won accolades from far and wide, has visitors both nationally and internationally, and

is widely considered to be one of the great attractions of south Wales.

We are constantly being told of how gardens help enormously to give a feeling of well-being and peace to the human spirit.

How sad it is, then, that the cabinet do not wish to protect this green space in perpetuity, which is in the centre of our historic market town and a real gem in its own right.

Jo Homfray
Chair,
the Cowbridge
Physic Garden Trust.

'Deeds, not words, over refugees' suggests reader

YOUR correspondent ('Wales can be a place of sanctuary', GEM letters, February 21) will take a Syrian family into her home.

Good for her, but this is different from finding that a stowaway in her car boot, who may be a refugee or just looking for a better place to live, has got into her house and taken up residence in her front room.

She might then be less than pleased to hear some people encouraging others to do the same thing.

(Name and address supplied.)

Association of National Trust Members meeting

THE Association's next meeting takes place on Tuesday, March 5 at 11am in the Sycamore Inn, Colwinston.

Chris Hawker will give an illustrated talk on 'Colwinston – a historical journey'. Non-members welcome at this event, at no charge. Coffee available before the meeting and lunch afterwards.

On Wednesday, March 20 at 11am in the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge Geoff Hughes will speak on 'Beyond the Prison Wall'.

Non-members welcome as guests at this meeting, though they will be gently invited to join the association.

Golf club lady captain's charity concludes with a boost



Woody's Lodge welcomes new partner



Clive Hamilton (right) CEO of Pinnacle signing the Silver Award Armed Forces' Covenant.

THE Vale-based Armed Forces charity Woody's Lodge has acquired a new partner for 2019.

Pinnacle Complete Office Solutions supports charities each year with events ranging from dress-down days and early morning Pen y Fan hikes, to three-day cycling challenges and gala dinners.

Following a recommendation by the Armed Forces engagement officer at Pinnacle they chose Woody's Lodge as one of their charities for 2019.

Clive Hamilton, CEO of Pinnacle Complete Office Solutions, explained: "Woody's Lodge not only provides a welcoming space

for veterans and their families to visit, but it also offers vital day to day support that many of us take for granted."

Woody's Lodge CEO, Dr David Trotman, said: "We are absolutely delighted to welcome the team at Pinnacle to our family here at Woody's Lodge. The support from corporate partnerships allows us to continue our work here at Woody's Lodge, working with veterans, reservists and emergency service leavers and their families."

Woody's Lodge is now located at the Amelia Trust Farm.

CAROLINE Kelly's chosen charity for her year as lady captain at Southerndown Golf Club was Velindre Cancer Centre's 'Leading Lights' campaign.

A spokesperson said: "Velindre has developed a reputation over the years for the excellence of its care and support for patients and families, and their team of specialist nurses are key to this care and service. Leading Lights aims to ensure that all patients have access to a named nurse, so a very worthy and excellent cause."

"Attending Lady Captain's charity dinner on February 22, a nurse, Annie Jones, gave an account of the work that she and her colleagues get involved with, and the value that they add to patient care at Velindre."

"Like Caroline, Annie completed Velindre fundraising's West Coast Bike Ride in September last year, cycling a gruelling 600Km down Highway



1 on the West Coast from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Members present at the charity dinner were treated to a slide and video show, outlining the ride and the Leading Lights charity.

"Along with the dinner and other charity events held throughout the year, the total raised for the charity from the club came to in excess of £3,000; and when this is added to the amounts raised on the ride by all three Southerndown Golf Club members

– Caroline Kelly, Julian Kelly and Iwan Davies – the grand total amounted to £28,817, a fantastic result and achievement."

"The two West Coast Rides raised in excess of £700K between them, proving to be a great boost for Velindre's Leading Lights campaign. Caroline thanked all who attended, as well as the catering and other staff at the golf club, for their support and generosity."

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Council decides to continue 'OlympAGE' sports events

A series of OlympAGE events, organised by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), is being held throughout the county borough to provide 'socially active sporting events' for older residents and people with learning and physical disabilities.

A range of activities including boccia, bounce ball, target throw, badminton and shuffleboard are offered.

The latest Winter OlympAGE, held in the Garw Valley Life Centre was

attended by over 70 people including volunteers.

Named as overall winners on the day were the team at Ty Pen Y Bont Day Services.

Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies who also attended the event said: "Fun events like the OlympAGE games encourage older and disabled people to stay active and I'm pleased to see BCBC are holding more regular sessions."

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Ysgol y Deri buys DofE kit

WE have been fortunate to receive a grant of £3,125 from the DM Thomas Foundation and £1,575 from the Parents and Friends Association of Ysgol y Deri.

This has enabled us to buy extensive kit for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme including tents, sleeping bags, stoves, hiking boots, and other items, including a secure and insulated shipping container – with lighting and heating – in which to safely store all the kit.

The provision of this equipment has made the Duke of Edinburgh Award accessible to all pupils in the school, whatever their ability or financial situation. We now have



on the taking part in the award, including those with learning difficulties, autism, and physical disabilities. Thanks to DM Thomas

Stephen Morris, Ysgol y Deri

Woodland Trust to donate a magic million!

THE Woodland Trust (Coed Cadw) will give away one million trees to schools and communities for the first time in a single season, with the millionth tree hitting the ground in the first two weeks of March.

The Trust says it highlights a growing desire among the public to plant trees and to care for the environment. Beccy Speight, chief executive of the Woodland Trust said: "We've been close to hitting one million free trees for schools and community groups for several years, but this is the first time we've ever sent out that magic number in a single season. It's a real milestone for the Trust and we're proud to have achieved such a momentous task."

"There's a real passion for planting across the UK. People want to feel they are making a difference. Trees resonate on so many levels: they make where we live more beautiful, they help clean our air, improve our soils, clean and hold back water, provide a home for wildlife and help us address the causes and impacts of climate change."

"Improving mental health and well-being is high on the social agenda and urban trees in particular can help people to feel the benefits of being outdoors. Feedback that we've received from recipients of free trees is that improved well-being was one of their top reasons to apply. They also reported a sense of real achievement and fulfilment when planting."

Free tree packs are currently being

sent to schools and/or community groups in every county in Wales, including four to Bridgend and two to the Vale of Glamorgan. The packs are funded by lead partners Sainsbury's, players of People's Postcode Lottery, and Yorkshire Tea. Since the initiative started in 2010, 5.8 million trees have been sent to schools and community groups keen to improve their local area.

Every tree has been UK sourced and grown to guarantee the provenance of native trees. The scheme guarantees that trees from a number of nurseries marked with the UKSG badge are raised from seeds sourced only from the UK and grown in the UK for their entire lifespan. The aim of the scheme is to reduce the risk of importing pests and diseases with planting stock grown outside the UK. All saplings arrive with protection to give them the best chance of survival, and each pack comes with full instructions on planting and after care.

If you would like to apply for free trees in the coming season get your application in soon, as the scheme is once again proving to be extremely popular. Tree packs are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. You can apply for between 15-420 trees depending on the space you have available and your requirements. Packs are: hedge, copse, wild harvest, year round colour, working wood, wildwood, wildlife, and urban.

Apply for your trees at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees.

Award for company

PROPERTY owner Valleys to Coast (V2C) took the award for Excellence in Customer Service at this year's Welsh Business Awards.

V2C, a social housing landlord, owns 6,000 homes across Bridgend.

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SHEEP and other farm animals worth £285,000 were attacked by dogs in Wales last year.

One in six owners admit their dog has escaped from home, sparking concerns that unsupervised pets are attacking livestock.

The peak time for attacks is January to April, during the lambing period.

The results are from a Petbuzz Market Research survey of 1,232 UK pet owners from January 16 to 24, 2019.

Rural insurer NFU Mutual is mounting a new campaign urging dog owners to keep their pets under control, after new figures reveal the cost of dog attacks on livestock more than doubled in Wales last year.

NFU Mutual estimates that the total cost of livestock worrying to the UK farming industry exceeded £1.2m last year.

There was a huge rise in the cost of attacks in 2018, resulting in a 113-per-cent increase which is estimated the total cost to Welsh agriculture was £285,000.

Although new research shows more dog owners are putting their pets on leads when livestock are nearby, the insurer is increasingly concerned by reports that many attacks are being caused by dogs which have been let out in gardens, escaping and attacking sheep in neighbouring fields.

The research revealed that one in six owners admitted their dog had escaped from home and 52 per cent are allowing their pets to go out in the garden unaccompanied when they are not at home.

Dog attacks on farm animals can result in horrific and often fatal injuries. Even if a dog doesn't make contact, the distress of the chase can cause sheep to die and miscarry their lambs.

According to the research, 87 per cent of dog owners exercise their pets in the countryside, with more than 60 per cent letting them roam off the lead. However, if there is a sign warning dog owners that livestock are in a field, more people (95 per cent) are putting their dogs on the lead - up from 90 per cent in 2018.

The number of dog owners who said their pet had chased livestock in the past was 6 per cent.

Most dog owners (61 per cent) would try to stop a dog chasing a sheep in the countryside and supported measures to crack down on the problem of livestock worrying. Three quarters of dog owners said they would support heavy fines, 66 per cent would support a ban on dogs from livestock fields during lambing season, while 57 per cent would back laws enabling DNA testing of dogs and 42 per cent would support owners being banned from keeping dogs if their pet

had been involved in an attack.

Merfyn Roberts, Senior Agent at NFU Mutual in North Wales, said: "As the insurer of three-quarters of the UK's farmers, we are sadly all too aware of the heartbreak and distress that dog attacks cause. For small farmers in Wales in particular, livestock worrying is devastating because it has a huge impact on their productivity. While insurance can cover the cost of replacing stock killed and the treatment of injured animals, there is a knock-on effect on breeding programmes that can take years to overcome."

With many families expected to visit the countryside over the coming months, the insurer is urging dog owners to keep their pets on a lead at all times in the countryside and for people to report out-of-control dogs to a local farmer or the police.

Advice on preventing dogs attacking livestock is available from NFU Mutual's website: www.nfumutual.co.uk/news-and-stories/preventing-dog-attacks-on-farm-animals.

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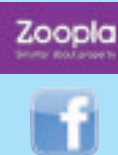
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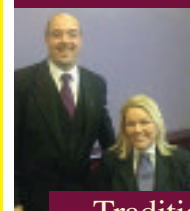
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The family look forward to meeting David's friends to celebrate his long and happy life at the Market Street Club afterwards.

LUPTON

Harold

Peacefully at home on 18th February in the arms of his devoted wife Marian (Kim), Harold passed away.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery Chapel, Barry on Monday, 4th March at 11am, followed by interment at Cardiff & Vale Natural Burial Ground, Coedparhydyglyn Park, Cardiff, CF5 6SF.

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COMBER

Jean Anne

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She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral service Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Friday, 8th March at 12 noon, followed by cremation by Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 1.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research.

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HELLYAR

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JENKINS-GARNIER

Josephine Anne

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Funeral service at St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major on Friday, 1st March at 2.30pm, followed by a celebration of her life at The West House Hotel, Llantwit Major. Immediate family to attend the burial at Llantwit Major Cemetery.

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SLEE

Robert John

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Acknowledgements

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Freda

Sue, Jan and Howard wish to thank everyone for their kind words and cards received during this sad time.

We would also like to thank those who attended mum's funeral, Rachel from A.G. Adams Funeralcare and Kate Weston for her tribute.

CLAY

Viv

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GRIST

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Additional thanks must go to the Llantwit Major First Responders, A&E Department and IC Unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital; also to the Reverend Rhian Prime, and W. James & Sons Funeral Directors of Fonnmon. To all, our sincere thanks for their highly valued professional services.

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will lead to success on the field as they compete in
the South West Baseball League later this year.

Calling on players from the Vale, Cardiff and the
Valleys, Cardiff Merlins took part in a development
season last year in which they played a number of
friendly matches against teams from England.

After being accepted into the league last month,
the club will be representing Wales as they take on
teams from Bristol and Weston super Mare, as well
as teams from Devon and Cornwall.

Ed Peebles, the club's coach, welcomed the
opportunity that playing at Barry's Colcot Sports
Centre has given the club.

He said: "We wouldn't have been able to get in
the amount of training that we have over the winter
if we hadn't been able to train at Colcot Sports
Centre. The work we are doing here in Barry is
crucial if we are to hit the ground running once our
first competitive season starts in April.

"We have had support from Admiral Insurance
and Sport Wales, but we are always on the
lookout for new sponsors and new players who are
interested in being involved in what is, at present,
Wales' only competitive baseball team.

"Anyone who would like to get involved in any
way, please get in touch with us."

Cardiff Merlins Baseball Club can be contacted
through their Facebook page at www.facebook.
com/BaseballCardiff or by emailing cardiffbase-
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Cowbridge CC
sign international
cricketer

AN international
cricketer, Yodhin
Punja, has commit-
ted himself to play
for Cowbridge for
the forthcoming
season. Yodhin is
a fast bowler who
has been regularly
clocked bowling
at in excess of 80
miles per hour as
well as being a fast
scoring middle
order batsman.

Yodhin was born in
India but had moved to
Dubai at a young age and
represented the United
Arab Emirates in full
one-day international
against Hong Kong in
November 2015, making
him the youngest crick-
eter to play at that level.

Yodhin re-located to
the United Kingdom to
do A-levels at Claremont
School in Sussex. From
Claremont Yodhin
played for Sussex the
county second XI. Now

a student at Cardiff Met
University Yodhin liked
up with Cowbridge's
Brad Evans and was
delighted to link up with
Cowbridge.

Cowbridge captain
Chris Willey com-
mented: "It's not every-
day a club gets to link up
with a player of Yodhin's
quality. I am delighted
he's going to be part of
our side this year.

"To think that in
Yodin and Brad Evans
we have two opening
bowlers with first-class
experience added to the
accurate Tom Williams
and the excellent Sam
Routledge as well as
local lads Sam Russel,
Heath Webb Tom Harper
and Rian Thomas."

Cowbridge are deter-
mined that this year they
will go one better than
their second place of
last year and in having
Yodhin Punja join them
they have made a signifi-
cant step forward.

JRB

Barrivale Bridge
Club results

RESULTS for the
Barrivale Bridge
Club session on
Tuesday, February
19:

1. Jenny Vaughan &
Sarah Amos 63.69 per
cent, 2. Mick Green &
Denis Mottram 62.50 per
cent, 3. Irene Thomas
& Jane Brook 54.76 per
cent. The handicap win-
ners were Alan Rees and
Pat Price.

New members at the
club are always wel-
comed and a partner may
be arranged, if required.
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us please ring 01446

418380, 01446 733425
or 01446 735592, or call
at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl
Road, Barry at 7pm on
Tuesday evening.

Alternatively, players
inexperienced or new
to bridge playing, may
attend the following
sessions: Friday 10am
(doors open 9.45am)
at the Pioneer Hall for
lessons and assisted play;
Thursday afternoons
for assisted play from
1.30pm-4pm at the Barry
Uniting Church, Heol y
Llongau, Barry, CF63
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Cheltenham
preview evening

STEVE Jones (Templegate of The Sun
newspaper), Vale trainer Tim Vaughan,
his stable jockey Alan Johns and Andrew
Lowrie of Optimum Racing will be
the guest speakers at a Cheltenham
Festival Preview Evening at the Barry
West End Club on Friday, March 8.

Entrance is by ticket only and includes a hot buf-
fet - call Andrew on 01446 722463 for more details.

Brian Lee

The Barry and
District Ladies
Skittles League

DIVISION 1: Clickies 212 (M. Thomas
& K. Watts 27), Rugby
Abram 29), Cigar Ladies
266 (L. Webb 29); Barry
Stars 253 (L. Lambeth
30), Bakers Dozen 239
(A. Harris 26); Space
Finders 334 (D. Escott
32), Allsorts 323 (J.
Jones 33); Sea View
Gals 256 (C. Davies
27), Family Affair 278
(S. Evans 31); Family &
Friends 240 (G. Brown &
C. Mathews 24), Fallen
Angels 232 (P. Mephram
25); Cadoxton Con
Fillies 249 (L. Old 28), La
Bells 227 (E. Cordy 25).

Division 2: Rhoses Starlights 245
(S. McAteer, L. Davies
& L. Oliver 23), Bobby's
Girls 249 (A. Seldon
28); Challengers 216 (D.
Collard 26), Breakaways
271 (B. Thurston 29);
Airways Angels 204 (E.
Jones 28), Persuaders 242
(L. Organ 27); Bandits
175 (B. Stevenson & C.
Evans 23), Red Admiral
238 (L. Williams 28);

Division 3: Westenders 260 (M.
Condon 33), Dolly
Mixtures 262 (L. Marsh
30); Liberals 242 (J.
Hawkins 24), Sea View
Ladies 253 (K. Davey
27); Merry Makers 198
(H. Davies 26), Little
Devils 198 (L. Bowsher
22); Off the Rails 270
(J. Cattle 28), Witches
223 (Y. Curnow 25);
Witchill Widows 308 (N.
Barnfield 33), Hillbillies
316 (J. Lambeth 32).

Division 4: Twilights 205 (S.
Davies 24), Socialites
157 (P. Starr & J.
Marks 23); Little
Misfits 167 (D. Eason
19), Bimbos 174 (S.
Harding 23); Odd Bods
229 (T. Perry 28), Nite
Outers 197 (M. Hudson
22); Rebels 193 (A.
Phillips 26), Optimists
168 (S. Palmer 22).

HB

Vale of Glamorgan
Bridge Club news

THE results for the Vale of
Glamorgan bridge club for the
last two weeks are as follows:

February 18: first David Melville and David
Birt 69.17 per cent; second John Evans and Steve
Burgoyne 64.58 per cent; third Debbie and Simon
Richards 61.25 per cent.

February 25 (WBU St David's Day Sims): first
Mike Best and Mia Deschepper 69.16 per cent; sec-
ond Debbie and Simon Richards 62.56 per cent;
third Julia Evans and David Griffiths 58.90 per cent.

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On and off the turf with Brian Lee

OGMORE-BY-SEA'S Christian Williams and his younger brother Nick had plenty to smile about on Sunday.

Christian made the 311 mile trip to Carlisle where his 10-year-old *Conas Taoi* landed the Live Racing TV On Facebook Handicap Chase under Paddy Brennan and Nick travelled to the Ross Harriers Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases, held for the first time at Monmouth Showground, where his *Robbina* won the first division of The Jockey Club Open Maiden Race For Mares and Fillies.

Owned by Mr Wayne Rowles and ridden by Merthyr Mawr's Jack Tudor, *Robbina*, who has been placed five times over hurdles, won by three lengths from the pacemaking *Bluebell Sally*.

The day's riding honours went to Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft who had to "work hard" to land the Mixed Open Race on Kevin Salter's 11-year-old bay gelding *Spencer Moon* which took up the running four fences from the finish and went on to beat *Vasco Du Mee* by 15 lengths.

Spencer Moon, an 11-year-old bay gelding by Dr Massini, is trained by Luke Price and was winning for the fifth time in a row.

Moorcroft, who is riding better than ever, made it a double when taking the second division of the Seven-Year-Olds And Over Open Maiden on the Carmarthen-qualified *Corbett Court* which came home three lengths ahead of the Glamorgan horse *Rio Bravo* which made a lot of the early running.

Another rider to come away with a double was Tom O'Brien who took the second division of the Mares' race on Lord Lipsey's *Get Rio* and division one of the Aged Maiden on Grove Castle.

The French-bred *King's Cross*, owned and trained by Daniel Bourne and qualified with the Monmouthshire Hunt, gave Chris Davies a first win between the flags when landing the Ross Harriers Conditions Race.

Chris, who has ridden 18 winners under Rules, is a grandson of Chepstow trainer Milton Bradley who, more years ago than I care to remember, had a very good point-to-point mare called *Octroi* which was always ridden by Celia Conley.

ANOTHER WINNER FOR JACK

JACK Tudor (16), from Merthyr Mawr, chalked-up his second winner under Rules when landing the RacingTV.Com Hands And Heels Handicap

Hurdle over three miles and two furlongs at Warwick last Friday, February 22, on the top-weighted *Uno Mas* trained by Ogmores-By-Sea's Christian Williams.

Uno Mas, which was winning for the third time on the bounce, won by two lengths from *Goodnight Charlie* and was returned the 10-3 favourite.

Assistant trainer Nick Williams, Christian's younger brother, said: "It's great for Josh to ride a winner and *Uno Mas* has been brilliant for us. We keep running him as that is what he thrives on."

BUYWISE IS RETIRED

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams has announced the retirement of his stable star *Buywise*, a winner of £213,770 in prize money.

The popular 12-year-old, which often received fan mail was pulled up in a hurdle race at Exeter last Friday and Williams told the press: "He's been huddling as we thought we would try him for his last couple of runs but his time has come. He's been a wonderful horse for us."

Owned by Hywel Jones, *Buywise* won the Silver Trophy Chase at Cheltenham in 2014 and the Veterans' Final at Sandown among other big races.

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The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Wyndham Cons 8, Rhose Social 7, Moors Boys 6, West End Runaways 9; Penarth Cons A 4, Liberals 7, West End 8. League table: Rhose Social 141, Liberals 137, Wyndham Cons 137, West End Runaways 127, Cadoxton Cons 122, West End 121, Moors Boys 115.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

West End D 6.5, Slammers 0.5; Rugby Club 5, Liberals A 2; Rhose Social C 6, Rhose Social B 1; Liberals C 2.5, Allsorts 4.5; Barry Town FC 6, Rhose Social 1; Barries Exiles 2; West End C 7, Cambrian Flyers 0; King William XII 4, Rhose Social A 3.

League table: Sea View Exiles 92.5, West End C 84.5, West End D 84.0, Allsorts 82.5, Barry Town FC 78.0, Rhose Social 78.0, King William XII 76.5, Rhose Social A 72.5, Rhose Social C 72.0, Rugby Club 71.5, Slammers 61.0, Rhose Social B 54.0, Liberals A 52.5, Liberals C 51.5, Barries Boys 49.5, Cambrian Flyers 31.5.

SNOKER DIVISION 1:

Market Street B 4, Penarth Cons A 1; West End C 5, Market Street B 0; Cadoxton Wildcats 0, Cadoxton Cons Z 5; Penarth Cons A 4, Liberals 1; Rhose Social B 1, Savoy A 4; Harbour B 4, West End C 1; Cadoxton Cons B 4, Wyndham Cons A 1. League table: Harbour B 68, West End C 67, Savoy A 64, Cadoxton Cons Z 57, Wyndham Cons A 55, Cadoxton Cons B 50, Penarth Cons A 44, Rhose Social B 35, Cadoxton Wildcats 31, Market Street B 28, *Liberals 27.

SNOKER DIVISION 2:

Penarth Cons B 3, West End B 2; Rhose Social C 4, Harbour A 1; Savoy B 5, Market Street C 0; Sully Sports A 0, Wyndham Cons D 5; Services Social B 4, Cadoxton Cons A 1. League table: Savoy B 64, Rhose Social C 61, Penarth Cons B 56, Cadoxton Cons A 55, *Services Social B 52, Market Street C 50, Wyndham Cons D 50, Harbour A 47, West End A 40, Sully Sports A 36, West End B 30, Barries Boys 29, (* = points deducted). View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk. JW

The Barry and District Men's Skittles League

DIVISION 1:

Cannon Balls 276 (T O'Sullivan 29), Geest 287 (L Galsworthy 30), Merryman 290 (S Jones 30), Bunker Boys 283 (K' Jaynes 33), Billy Whizz 276 (J Snook 33), KP Rejects 156 (L Campbell, T Payne, J Barrett, M Dawe 16); Posties 287 (S Nash 31), Blue Monkey 274 (N Phillips 29); Sea View 361 (K Pycroft 38), British Rail 319 (P Coombes 35); 49ers 306 (R McKay, J Gee 31), Willie Wombles 283 (B Gratton 31).

League table: 49ers 32, Geest 22, Posties 18, Merryman 16, Billy Whizz 15, Blue Monkey 14, Bunker Boys 14, Sea View 13, Willie Wombles 13, KP Rejects 12, British Rail 11, Cannon Balls 8.

DIVISION 2:

Witchill Poachers 330 (C Copp, R Ashby 33), BP Breakaways 318 (J Gee 36); Barry Park B 261 (P Weir 26), Mighty Dockers 249 (C Collins 27); Cavaliers 268 (B Kilgour 32), H Bells 265 (B Whitlock 30); Tynny Lads 285 (J Kerslake 31), Park Lads 276 (M Whyman Jnr 30); Colcot Boys 259 (J James 32), Ex-Servicemen 252 (G Dent, B Saunders 27);

DIVISION 3:

Exiles 281 (D Norris 29), Hairy Lemons 285 (S Larson 32). League table: Park Lads 26, H Bells 20, Cavaliers 20, Hairy Lemons 18, Mighty Dockers 16, Colcot Boys 14, Barry Park B 14, Ex-Servicemen 14, Tynny Lads 13, Exiles 13, Witchill Poachers 12, BP Breakaways 12.

DIVISION 3:

Abercete 292 (D Selby 28), Cocoa Nuts 262 (Math James 31); Royalists 296 (I Tambling 28), Alternatives 257 (S Davies 30); CUD 235 (B Williams 26), Billy Bluebirds 254 (A Curtis 27).

League table:

Park Rangers 22, Billy Bluebirds 18, Cocoa Nuts 16, Witchill Nomads 15, Castle Boys 14, Abercete 14, Alternatives 14, Royalists 13, Glenbrook Flyers 12, C.U.D. 10, Master Mariner 0.

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16 16 BMW X1 2.0 D XDrive M Sport 5dr, BMW warranty June 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 24k, met white.....**£19295**

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16 66 FORD EDGE 2.0 TDCI 210 Titanium 5dr Powershift 4WD, Ford warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, cruise, 19" alloys, reverse camera, black.....**£21995**

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16 16 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRDI BlueDrive Premium SE 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), Hyundai warranty July 2021, sat nav, pan roof, heated seats, reverse camera, 19" alloys, 21k, choice with full leather.....**£20995**

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16 66 INFINITI QX30 2.2 D Premium Tech 5dr DCT Automatic, Infiniti warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, 21k, grey, full leather.....**£19495**

17 67 JAGUAR F-PACE 3.0 DV6 S AWD 5dr Automatic, Jaguar warranty Jan 2021, sat nav, 20" alloys, reverse camera, 9k, black, full leather.....**£36995**

15 65 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.2 MultiJet 200 Limited 5dr Automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, 25k, white, full leather.....**£17495**

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17 66 MERCEDES GLA200 D 4Matic Sport 5dr Automatic, Mercedes warranty Feb 2020, sat nav, red, full leather.....**£18495**

18 18 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.5 Cooper ALL4 5dr, Mini warranty April 2021, chilli pack, sat nav, heated seats, only 1903 miles, green.....**£21995**

13 63 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.6 Cooper D ALL4 5dr, Privacy glass, Bluetooth, aux, usb, silver.....**£9995**

15 64 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.6 Cooper D ALL4 5dr, chilli + tlc pack, 27k, white, half-leather.....**£11495**

15 65 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.6 Cooper D ALL4 5dr, chilli + tlc pack, media pack - sat nav, heated seats, 37k, black, full leather.....**£12995**

15 65 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 John Cooper Works ALL4 3dr (218bhp), chilli + tlc pack, 39k, red, full leather.....**£14995**

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14 14 NISSAN JUKE 1.6 DIG-T Nismo 5dr 4WD CVT Automatic (197bhp), sat nav, reverse camera, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, white.....**£10295**

16 16 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.6 DCI N-Connecta 5dr 4WD, Nissan warranty April 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, 16k, black.....**£14495**

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15 64 TOYOTA RAV4 2.2 D-4S Icon 5dr Automatic, cruise, reverse camera, 28k, white.....**£14495**

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17 66 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI R 5dr DSG 4WD, VW warranty Nov 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 21k, choice.....**£21795**

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15 65 BMW 520 DM Sport 4dr Automatic, sat nav, 18" alloys, heated seats,
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18 18 BMW 530 E M Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty June 2021, sat nav,
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aux, choice.....£8495

17 17 HONDA CIVIC 1.5 VTEC Sport 5dr (180bhp), Honda warranty April 2020,
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15 65 HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 CRDI BlueDrive SE Nav 5dr, Hyundai warranty
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14 64 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.0 CRD Limited 5dr, sat nav, dab, white, full leather
£10995

14 64 KIA CARENS 1.7 CRDI 3 5dr (7-Seater), Kia warranty Oct 2021, pan
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16 66 KIA OPTIMA 1.7 CRDI 2 4dr, Kia warranty Oct 2023, sat nav, reverse
camera, 10k, silver.....£12995

15 65 KIA SPORTAGE 1.6 GDI ISG 2 5dr, Kia warranty Oct 2022, pan roof,
cruise, aux, usb, 25k, white.....£11995

16 66 KIA SPORTAGE 1.6 GDI 1 5dr, KIA warranty Oct 2023, air-con, cruise,
Bluetooth, dab, 17k, black.....£12295

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cruise, white, half-leather.....£11295

17 67 KIA SPORTAGE 1.7 CRDI 3 ISG 5dr, Kia warranty Sept 2024, pan roof,
sat nav, 19" alloys, reverse camera, 19k, blue, full leather.....£18495

15 65 LEXUS CT200H 1.8 Advance Plus 5dr Automatic, sat nav, glass sunroof,
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15 15 MAZDA 3 2.2 D Sport Nav 5dr, heated seats, sat nav, 18" alloys, black,
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16 66 MAZDA 3 2.0 Sport Black 5dr, Mazda warranty Oct 2019, sat nav,
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16 16 MAZDA CX-5 2.2 D Sport 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, black, full
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15 65 MERCEDES A180 1.5 CDI Sport 5dr Automatic, sat nav, Bluetooth,
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17 67 MERCEDES C220 D AMG Line 2dr 9G-Tronic, Mercedes warranty Nov
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15 65 MERCEDES C300 2.2 H Sport Premium Estate Automatic, sat nav, pan
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18 67 MERCEDES C300H AMG Line 4dr Automatic, Mercedes warranty Feb
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15 65 MERCEDES C350 E Sport Estate Automatic, sat nav, reverse camera,
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16 66 MINI CLUBMAN 2.0 S 6dr Automatic, Mini warranty Nov 2019, chilli +
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16 66 MINI COOPER 1.5 5dr, Mini warranty Nov 2019, Bluetooth, dab, air-con,
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17 17 MINI COOPER 2.0 S Seven 5dr (192bhp), Mini warranty June 2020,
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16 16 PEUGEOT 208 1.2 PureTech XS Lime 3dr, cruise, Bluetooth, DAB,
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17 67 RENAULT CAPTUR 1.5 DCI Dynalique 90 S Nav 5dr, Renault warranty
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17 67 SEAT LEON 1.4 TSI 125 FR Technology 5dr, Seat warranty Oct 2020,
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17 67 SKODA KODIAQ 1.4 TSI Edition 150 5dr DSG Automatic (7-Seater),
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16 16 SMART FORFOUR 1.0 Prime Premium 5dr, warranty until April 2019,
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choice.....£10495

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18 18 VOLVO V90 2.0 D4 R-Design Estate Geartronic, Volvo warranty April
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cruise, 36k, black, full leather

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15 15 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI Acenta 5dr,
pan roof, cruise, privacy glass,
grey

£12495



18 18 BMW 520 I M Sport 4dr Automatic,
sat nav, xenons, cruise, 15k,
white, full leather

£26995



17 17 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr,
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nav, white, half-leather

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Barry Town United take share of the spoils in top of the table clash

WHILE rugby fans were hitting bars across Cardiff city centre on Saturday night, Barry Town and Connah's Quay Nomads were left punch-drunk at Jenner Park, where no fewer than three efforts rebounded back off the crossbar, leaving the two JD Welsh Premier League championship rivals to contemplate a hard-fought 1-1 draw.

It was a clash of styles and indeed philosophies between the sides in third and first place, with Barry's high-speed passing play and team fluidity a marked difference to Connah's Quay's traditionally direct, long-ball attacking game. The contrast made for an absorbing contest under the ground's fixed floodlights.

Still basking in the glow of his stunning 96th-minute equaliser

at TNS the prior weekend, Jonathan Hood led the charge for Barry, ripping the net with an assured, low drive, after persistence from Jordan Cotterill out left and a decoy drift from Mo Touray left the forward free in rich space.

Despite starting in confident style, Barry's lead though would last a mere 10 minutes, with Michael Bakare firing high into the top corner to level, after Town goalkeeper Mike Lewis had been controversially felled in the build-up.

Initially, it appeared referee Mark Petch had issued a free-kick, penalising former Stoke City striker Andrew Owens for a pull on defender Luke Cooper, or for manhandling Lewis, as the players competed for an aerial set-piece ball.

Instead, Barry's Curtis Watkins was ostensibly cast as the perpetrator of Lewis' downfall, prompting catcalls from home supporters towards the official, as Paul Morgan



Jonathan Hood (right) opened the scoring - see more pictures by RHYS SKINNER at glamorgangem.co.uk/sport.

was reprimanded for his own protests, one of eight yellow cards in all. By the interval, both Cooper and Callum Morris had joined Morgan in his book, but there would be no further scoring, in spite of Nomads twice threatening.

With 39 minutes played, another penetrating free-kick from Connah's Quay caused problems for the Barry Town defence, with goalkeeper John Danby's long, upfield delivery flicked onwards and headed by Adam Barton, right against the goalpost.

Then, in first-half stoppage-time, Lewis would punch the ball free from under his crossbar before Nomads wasted the follow-up shot.

As the game approached the hour, the bar battering really began, as Michael Wilde saw his effort come crashing back off the crossbar in the midst of a madcap scramble, one that saw Clayton Green block a seemingly-certain goal.

On 64 minutes it was Chris Hugh's turn to try his luck and the Wales futsal cap proved himself adept with the ball off the ground as well, leaving the frame of the goal rattling with a sublime, crossbar-crunching effort from distance.

Then, as the clock lingered towards the 70th minute, veteran Nomads midfielder Danny Harrison had a long-range pop of his own and while Lewis was left rooted to the spot, Harrison could himself only clip the crossbar.

In the final 20 minutes, the Nomads looked to their long-throw specialist Jake Phillips to initiate the breakthrough, forcing saves out of Lewis at each post.

Meanwhile, in a heart-racing moment that almost swung things in Barry's favour, Kayne McLaggon found success on the right and set up Hood, who fired just wide.

It would be the ex-Southampton forward's final contribution, as he made way for Drew

Fahiya, a wise addition of fresh legs, in spite of McLaggon's strong shift.

Looking to increase their delicate points advantage over Barry and champions TNS, Nomads would ramp up the offence in pursuit of a winner, with Bakare forcing a robust response out of Lewis, who did well to hold his shot.

With Troy Greening replacing Cotterill in a role reversal from the previous Saturday, Barry were under real pressure, yet the players scrapped doggedly to keep their visitors from Desidee frustrated, repelling a string of late corners.

Firing over from close range, a last-ditch header would then elude John Disney at the back post, denying him the kind of fairytale finish befitting his name.

While missing the drama of the draw at TNS, or indeed the Welsh comeback in Cardiff hours earlier, Saturday's showdown was an entertaining ding-dong and one that keeps both in the mix, as the chase for the WPL crown continues at speed.

This coming Saturday, attention now switches to the JD Welsh Cup tournament, in particular, the multi-layered quarter-final at Jenner Park between Barry Town and Cambrian and Clydach (7.30pm kick-off).

Admission for the quarter-final tie, which must be settled on the night, is available via the Barry Road and Gladstone Road turnstiles; with high drama in store should history repeat itself and another penalty shoot-out be required.

Goldsworthy the difference as Llantwit Major claim tough win



Jamie Miller rides a Ton Pentre tackle.

LLANTWIT Major AFC welcomed Ton Pentre to Windmill Lane, who were lying at the bottom of the league table.

Manager Karl Lewis made a number of changes to the starting line-up due to players' unavailability in the coming weeks, as he wanted to give the players coming into the side some game time. Llantwit were slow out of the starting blocks in the opening quarter of the game and it was Ton Pentre who were the better of the two sides and had the majority of the play. They were unlucky not to score in the 42nd minute when, from a well-rehearsed corner kick, they hit the crossbar from a shot 15 yards out.

It was not until the 44th minute that Llantwit created a goal scoring opportunity when right back Jamie Miller picked up a loose pass in midfield and drove forward and passed to right wing Conner Goldsworthy who put a cross into the Ton Pentre six-yard-box for Rob Jones to shoot over as the defender challenged him.

Half-time arrived with the game scoreless and the second half was a repeat of the first half with neither goalkeeper being troubled and both teams finding it difficult to create any goalscoring opportunities. It was not until the 71st minute that

the Ton Pentre keeper was called upon to make his first save when he had to deal with a header from defender Sean Williams following a Llantwit corner.

The deadlock was finally broken in the 80th minute when a long ball out of defence by Llantwit was flicked on by centre forward Max Morgan to Connor Goldsworthy, who broke through and calmly shot past the advancing Ton Pentre keeper to score in the far corner of the goal.

The final score was 1-0 to Llantwit Major and they will be relieved to have won this game despite not playing very well.

This win now extends their fine record of only one defeat in the last seven league games and moves them up to sixth in the league table.

Llantwit Major's next league game will be away to Afan Lido on Saturday, March 2, 2.30pm kick off. Llantwit Major: Jack Lansdown, Jamie Miller, Kristian Evans, Sean Williams, Glyn Davies (Jonathan Fletcher 57), Darren Robinson (c) (Kristian Smith 72), Connor Goldsworthy, Mike Hartley, Jonathan Butler, Rob Jones (Nathan Jones 65), Max Morgan. Substitutes not used: Lewis Brown, Josh Jones.

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News from Barry RFC

LOOKING to get their promotion challenge back on track after the disappointment at Llantwit Fardre, Barry RFC are back in league action this weekend when they entertain Heol Y Cyw at the Reservoir Field this Saturday, kick-off at 2.30pm.

The second XV are also due to entertain Llanishen with the same kick-off time.

The lottery rolls over again as last week's numbers of 06, 11, 17 and 23 failed to produce a winner - four tickets matched three numbers to win £10. The jackpot this week will be £3,800.

AJ

Seniors in action

ST Mary's senior section's first competition of the week was an individual Stableford played over the full course of 18 holes.

The field of 28 welcomed the improving weather, but the going remained a little heavy with very little run on the ball. This had little impact on the scoring, however, with all three placings bettering the par of 36 points.

Gareth Thomas took third prize with a net 37, just one behind second placed Bryant Thomas. Phil Hatton secured the win with a score of 39.

The section's second competition of the week was a team Stableford played over 16 holes on the warmest February

day for many decades.

For each team of four players, the best two scores were recorded on the odd numbered holes and the best three scores recorded on the even-numbered holes.

Once again the scoring was prolific with the majority of teams returning scores significantly better than the nominal par of 80 points.

The runner-up team comprised Jeff Perkins, Gordon Campbell, Brian Peacock and the in-form Phil Hatton. Their final score of 90 points was just one less than the 91 returned by Gordon Martin, Graham Jones, John Legg and section scribe, Norman Lloyd.

NL

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, February 19 the Highwayman Inn had an excellent result defeating the Farmers Arms 8-1.

However, that was not good enough to close the gap on the league leaders, the Edmondres B, as they won 9-0 against the Red Lion Inn.

In that match Joan Burt (Red Lion Inn) had a high scoring 72 out as well as Martin Thomas (Edmondres B) with a 97 out. Luke Richards (Edmondres B) was unlucky not to record his sixth 180 of the season. His first two darts went into the treble 20, the third dart also going into the treble 20 - but in doing so it knocked out one of the other darts.

Llanharry beat the One Town Hall Square 5-4 and the Edmondres A beat the Edmondres C 7-2. In that match Rhys Jury (Edmondres A) hit his second 180 of the season. In

the other match, the Victoria Inn won 6-3 against the Hairys Farmers.

Present league standings after 13 weeks are: Edmondres B (90 points), Highwayman Inn (84), Edmondres A (75), Victoria Inn (55), Farmers Arms and Llanharry (53), Hairys Farmers (47), Edmondres C and One Town Hall Square (38) and the Red Lion Inn (16).

Next week, Tuesday March 5, Llanharry Workingmen's Club hosts the Men's and Ladies' Doubles knock-out competition. The action will start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

CAVC student Kathryn to represent Wales in netball

CARDIFF and Vale College sport student Kathryn Tittley has been selected to represent Wales in netball.

Kathryn, who comes from Bridgend, was picked for the Wales under-17 team which will be competing in the Netball Europe competition held in Huddersfield from March 1.

"I am over the moon to be selected - I feel like all of my hard work has paid off and I am really excited," she said.

"All of my family will be coming to Huddersfield to watch me take part in the competition."

Kathryn plays for the college's Netball Academy, which is part of CAVC's growing range of Sport Academies. The academies are designed to provide a supportive and



Netball World Cup and Commonwealth Games.

"Kyras helped me a lot during the short period that I have been at the college," Kathryn said. "She has encouraged and helped me, not only with my skills but with my confidence as well."

"I would love a career in netball. I've always enjoyed it and never want that to stop."

It has been a successful year for the CAVC Netball Academy so far. Three players were recently selected for the Welsh Netball under-21 Performance Training Centres for their regions: Charlotte Lewis for the South East, Seren Evans for Central South and Amy Bradbury for Central South.

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Well, who'd have thought it? In the end, it was England who couldn't stand the heat!

THERE are a fair number of Welsh rugby fans who are optimists, so they may have predicted a win over England at the Principality Stadium, writes Philip Irwin.

Other Welsh fans had their fingers crossed and hoped for a victory, but it is doubtful if any of them envisaged the manner of that triumph.

Given the power on display when England upset the Irish at the Principality Stadium, surely Warren Gatland's men would have to defend heroically and grab their chances when they came?

In fact, the English attacking force, led by Jonny May, Henry Slade, Elliot Daly and Manu Tuilagi, made no real impact on the game.

What is more, the longer the game wore on, the more Wales took charge, and the final 10 to 3 penalty count showed how certain English players lost their focus.

In fact, that count should have been 9-2, because referee Jaco Peyper started the match ominously (from the Welsh point of view) penalising Justin Tipuric for a low tackle on Billy Vunipola, ruling it as a 'no arms' offence.

That penalty kick was taken by Daly, who normally knocks them over casually from half way, but this effort, from about 40 metres, was dragged wide.

That was the first significant action in what turned out to be a ferociously intense first half but, with the benefit of hindsight, the cracks in Eddie Jones' machine were visible quite early.

In the first six minutes, two tactical high kicks (one by Ben Youngs and one by Owen Farrell) were way off, going pretty much vertical and giving the England chasers no momentum at all.

Welsh fans (and Warren Gatland) had faith in Farrell when he was the Lions' outside half in New Zealand, so it was a bonus for the home side that he would go on to have probably

his worst game for England.

However, Wales' kicking in the first half wasn't great either, and they had another grim day in the line-out, so it was England who applied most of the pressure.

Much has been made of John Mitchell's influence on England's defensive system, with 'line speed' this year's buzzword, and Shaun Edwards is quite keen on that too, so various ball carriers took huge hits, and it says a lot for their strength that they were able to hang on to the ball and make it available.

It was, however, slow ball and both scrum halves were short of attacking options.

Wales were first to overdo the line speed, getting off side and Farrell pegged them back in their 25 but a series of pick and goes helped Wales clear the danger.

After 10 minutes, Wales scrum half Gareth Davies was up quick to rattle Farrell by charging down his kick. The outside half was relieved to see it ricochet to Jack Nowell, but Davies was lightning on the follow up and tackled the England right wing, before the defence managed to tidy things up.

Welsh line out troubles enabled England to move upfield and, on 17 minutes, the home team were penalised at a scrum in front of the posts and Farrell made it 3 - 0. It was scant consolation that summariser Brian Moore thought the penalty should have gone the other way.

Five minutes later, Wales put together a period of possession that made some very hard yards, and finally won a penalty about 20 metres out, which Gareth Anscombe kicked to level the scores.

Soon after, England took the lead with a try. Wales infringed and England used the penalty advantage period to launch an attack through the middle and from that, open-side flanker Tom Curry, who had a tremendous game, took advantage



Contrasting emotions. Kyle Sinckler walks by as Gareth Anscombe and Josh Adams celebrate the Welsh victory.

of a disorganised fringe defence to break through and score. Farrell converted to make it 10 - 3.

I think it's fair to say that there were two big moments in the last 10 minutes of the first half.

First, Wales put together a promising attack, and Anscombe opted for a chip over the onrushing defence. Henry Slade charged it down and was within a whisker of being in the clear.

A desperate tackle came in, but the danger was not over, as Ben Young chipped into space and it needed Liam Williams to show straight line speed, and a cool head, to tidy up.

On 34 minutes, Josh Navidi made a diving interception and Wales used the turnover ball to advance into the 22, where England found themselves doggedly defending their line.

When England finally put in a clearing kick, we had the second big moment. Hadleigh Parkes had about 15 metres on Jonny May, and up until this point, England's 'Ferrari' had barely touched the ball, but it was scary, watching the wing eat up the yards on Parkes, before forcing him into touch five yards out. There was just time for the line out.

You didn't need to be a rugby tactician to work out how crucial this was - although May's roar of delight gave a clue.

However, Wales survived this test of character, defending the driving maul, and then coping with Farrell's cross kick, before putting the ball out of play

and heading in for the half-time debrief from the coaching staff.

It felt to me that England had shaded what had been an intense arm-wrestle of a half, but the stats showed that Wales had more possession and territory, and that England had been forced to make more tackles.

That heat only increased as the second half wore on, and it turned out to be England who couldn't stand it.

Play restarted with Alun Wyn Jones catching Josh Navidi by surprise with a quick pass. The ball was spilled and England put together a promising attack which only ended when Farrell's kick was charged down.

England continued to probe and, from one blind-side attack, Farrell was nearly away, but put a foot in touch.

On 47 minutes, Wales were given a free kick and opted for the scrum - a sign perhaps that they felt the pack were taking control. Three minutes later Anscombe cross kicked for Josh Adams to contest the catch with Jonny May. The England man took it but referee Peyper awarded Wales a penalty, which Anscombe kicked to make it 10 - 6 to England. The penalty count, it was revealed, had moved to 7 to 2 in Wales' favour.

Play restarted and England were now locked into their kicking game, giving Liam Williams a chance to make two superb catches in succession. He continued disheartening

Eddie's men in this vein, and it was no surprise when he was named man of the match, as he regularly turned defence into attack.

On 55 minutes, Kyle Sinckler did his bit to enhance Warren Gatland's reputation. Singled out by the Welsh coach as an "emotional timebomb" he embarked on a crazy five minutes.

After getting involved in a 'heated exchange' that was nothing to do with him, he conceded a penalty when Anscombe chipped ahead. Sinckler will no doubt argue that he simply stood still, and it was the outside half who ran into him, but he gave the game away by leaning into Anscombe, making sure that his shoulder made contact.

Ironically, as referee Peyper awarded the penalty, a stat appeared on screen showing that Kyle was leading the tackle count with 20 - prompting Eddie Butler to muse: "I wonder if that makes it 21?"

Exeter prop Harri Williams was ordered to warm up but there was still time for Sinckler to grab Alun Wyn Jones around the neck and concede another penalty. Williams replaced him and after the game, Eddie Jones said that the substitution was "purely tactical". But of course, Eddie.

Anscombe kicked that penalty to make it 10 - 9, and England were wobbling, with Owen Farrell doing an impersonation of Dan Biggar in Italy as he sent a kick into touch on the full.

Wales now had a good



Jonathan Davies leads the celebrations after Josh Adams scores the Welsh try that clinched the result in the clash at the Principality Stadium. ALL PICTURES BY HUW EVANS AGENCY.

attacking line out but once again they messed up, as Cory Hill fumbled the catch. England finally saw a chance to run and Tuilagi skinned Parkes on the outside, making 30 yards before Wales could close down the move, but only by conceding a penalty. Farrell kicked it to take the lead back up to four.

Dan Biggar came on at outside half and made clear that his woes in Rome were forgotten. Good football strikers such as Harry Kane can miss a chance but not let it affect them when the next comes along, and Dan is very much in that category.

Wales continued to have most of the possession and, when Hadleigh Parkes made a break, Gareth Davies and Biggar kept the attack moving forward patiently through the phases, until the outside half threw a long pass to George North on the right wing. He couldn't quite get over, but Cory Hill arrived with perfect timing to take a short pass and drive to the line.

He didn't cross but, as they say, the ball only has to touch the line. Biggar's superb conversion made it 16 - 13 and Wales were ahead for the first time with 12 minutes left.

Two minutes later, there was a scare when

Gareth Davies' box kick from his own 25 was charged down, but the ball came back to Biggar who, in an instant, conjured up a 50-metre touchfinder!

The final 10 minutes were most impressive from the Welsh point of view - a perfect balance of pushing for another score but taking no risks. They were helped when England lock Courtney Lawes went down with a knee injury, and Wales kept the ball alive for fully three minutes, against the tiring 14 of England.

Josh Adams and Jonathan Davies worked a great chance but, very wisely, neither attempted a miracle pass, opting to take the tackle and recycle the ball.

This spell of Welsh possession and pressure must have broken English hearts, and with two minutes left, the TV cameras contrasted the faces of the two head coaches. Not every picture is worth a thousand words, but these were!

With a minute to go England were penalised in their own 22, so Biggar used the advantage to cross kick to the corner and set up a duel between Elliot Daly and Josh Adams.

Daly did little wrong, but Adams gathered at the second attempt, fell to the ground and reached out to touch

down and make it 21 - 13 to Wales. Biggar's conversion just slid by the post.

There was still time for England to restart, and for Josh Adams to take another brilliant catch under pressure, and then it was a case of two carries into the red zone and a tap into touch, in front of an ecstatic Welsh crowd.

Back when Wales made such a sluggish start against France, there were mutterings from the Welsh camp that the team had been training at maximum intensity, aiming to reach a peak against England.

It appears that Mr Gatland got that dead right.

Now it's a case of treating Scotland with all due respect, and holding that peak against Ireland.

A footnote: Call me an old romantic, but I would like to see France get back to playing the rugby we all remember from their past. On the evidence of their game against Scotland, they now have a pair of half-backs who could play there for the next 10 years. Dupont is 22, and Niamack is 19. Thank the Lord that they didn't start against Wales this year!

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